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## Longing for the wild blue yonder



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**Student pilot Colin Banks, 17, keeps his eye on the runway as he approaches Potomac Airfield in Fort Washington, Md. At top: Colin prepares for a recent flight lesson in a Cessna 172 Skyhawk.**

BY SHOLNN FREEMAN  
*The Washington Post*

**C**olin Banks can talk to you about World War I and World War II planes until you're not interested anymore. He likes to TiVo aerial dogfights on The History Channel. The 17-year-old can't drive the distance from Maryland to Richmond by himself, but he's flown it.

As a young black man with a passion for flying, Colin is an anomaly. The teen, a senior who lives in Springfield, Va., has his sights on the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co., and dreams of becoming a fighter pilot.

At a time when blacks have reached historic heights — U.S. president, chief executives of giant companies, even the nation's top astronaut is a black man — you won't find many in

the cockpit of a fighter jet. The cost of aviation lessons, the required educational training and the lack of role models all contribute to the scarcity.

Of the 14,130 Air Force pilots, 270 — or 1.9 percent — identified themselves as black, the Air Force Personnel Center reported this year. The percentage is similar for commercial pilots, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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## Contact between Hasan, Muslim cleric intensified before Fort Hood shooting

BY CARRIE JOHNSON,  
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*The Washington Post*

**WASHINGTON** — In the months before the deadly shooting at Fort Hood, Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan intensified his communications with a radical Yemeni-American cleric and began to discuss financial transfers and other steps that could translate his thoughts into action, according to two sources briefed on a collection of secret e-mails between the two.

The e-mails were monitored by an FBI-led task force in San Diego between late last year and June but were not forwarded to the military, according to government and congressional sources. Some were sent to the FBI's Wash-

ton field office, triggering an assessment into whether they raised national security concerns, but those intercepted later were not, the sources said.

Hasan's contacts with extremist imam Anwar al-Awlaki began as religious queries but took on a more specific and concrete tone before he moved to Texas, where he's been charged with 13 counts of murder in the Nov. 5 attack, said the sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

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al-Awlaki



### Tebow leads the trounce

No. 1 Gators score on nearly every possession in 21st straight win

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Stop-lost soldiers frustrated by delay in promised payments **Page 2**

## Navy details impact of Guam move

BY TERI WEAVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

**TOKYO** — It's 8,600 Marines, not 8,000, moving to Guam.

That doesn't count the estimated 9,000 sailors and Marines expected to visit the island for an average of two months each year.

And when construction, moving and hiring really get cranking in 2014 under the U.S. military's plan to expand its bases in Guam, an estimated 80,000 people will temporarily flood the island, almost doubling the current population, according to a Navy report released Friday detailing the possible effects of the buildup.

The massive report comes more than three years after the United States and Japan agreed to move the III Marine Expeditionary Force.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Look, we've got guys having sex in patrol cars just about every day. Why did I get dismissed when other guys get slaps on the wrist?"**

— North Carolina trooper Thomas C. Wetherington, who was fired after lying about how he lost his state-issued hat

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Photo courtesy of Freddy Cordova



Photo courtesy of Chris Krussell



Photo courtesy of Carleton King

**"I just want to be reassured they're not as [messed] up as the VA is with the GI Bill."**

**Freddy Cordova**  
stop-lossed 7 months

**"As much as you try not to budget that money, it becomes part of the money coming in."**

**Chris Krussell**  
stop-lossed 17 months

**"I just need that money from the Army to pretty much get my feet back on the ground."**

**Carleton King**  
stop-lossed 18 months

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# Calls for 14th murder count in Fort Hood case

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
*Stars and Stripes*

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The already high-profile military trial of Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan could become yet more complex and politically charged if he faces a 14th murder count.

Two U.S. senators and an anti-abortion group have urged that Hasan be charged with the murder of a fetus that died along with its mother in the shootings at Fort Hood this month, a young woman just back from Iraq and six weeks pregnant: Pvt. Francheska Velez.

"Both federal law and the Uniform Code of Military Justice allow for a murder charge when a person causes the death of an unborn child," Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, told the Idaho State Journal. "It is important for this child to have justice and for recognition that this family suffered two deaths in this senseless rampage."

Whether Hasan will be charged with the fetal death is unknown.

"All evidence from the investigation is currently under review and no decision has been made regarding the referral of additional charges at this time," Fort Hood officials said in a statement.

But the Army has never successfully prosecuted such a case.

Only one other death of an unborn child case has ever been filed, in 2007, and those charges were dismissed, according to the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

The Air Force is thought to have had the first successful such prosecution. In May, an airman was convicted of attempting to kill an unborn child in a case in which the airman poisoned his wife to force a miscarriage. He had been charged, though, with killing an unborn child.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice added the crime in connection with a 2004 federal law that for the first time made it a separate offense to harm the fetus in a federal crime committed against a pregnant woman.

The controversial federal law, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, amended the UCMJ by adding Article 119a. The article makes killing or injuring a fetus a separate crime in addition to the murder, manslaughter, robbery, maiming, arson or assault of the mother.

In two widely publicized cases involving troops accused of murdering pregnant women, neither defendant has been charged with



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

**The hearse carrying the body of Army Pvt. Francheska Velez drives through the Mount Olive Cemetery on Thursday in Chicago. Velez, 21, who was pregnant, was among 13 people killed when a fellow soldier allegedly opened fire at Fort Hood earlier this month. Two U.S. senators and an anti-abortion group have urged that the death of Velez's fetus be included in the murder charges.**

fetal homicide, even though both victims, also military members, were in their third trimesters.

Marine Cpl. Cesar Laurean, accused of killing Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach, then eight months pregnant, in 2007, and Army Sgt. Edgar Patino, accused of killing Spc. Megan Touma in 2008, who was seven-months pregnant with his child, are awaiting trial in North Carolina civilian courts. Both are charged with one count of first-degree murder.

North Carolina is one of about 15 states that does not have a fetal homicide law.

Most murder cases are prosecuted in state courts, including those involving military members whose charged crimes occurred off base.

Just as the federal fetal homicide law does, the UCMJ's Article 119a recognizes the earliest stages of prenatal development — a zygote or fertilized egg — as worthy of the same legal protection as its mother. It defines the fetus as "a child in utero" and a "member of the species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb."

The punishment for that separate offense is "the same as the punishment ... had that injury or death occurred to the unborn

child's mother," the law says, although the death penalty is specified as not permissible.

Further, the law says that such prosecutions need no proof that a defendant knew or should have known that a woman was pregnant or that the defendant intended to harm the fetus.

The law's proponents say the objective was to establish in criminal law that a fetus killed or injured in an assault was just as much a victim as its expectant mother, and that it would protect pregnant women from assault.

But opponents said it was a back-door way to provide "personhood" to fetuses and so erode abortion rights.

"The purpose of 'personifying' the fetus, of course, is to set up an inevitable conflict, conceptually and legally, between a woman's right to choose abortion, as defined by the court in Roe v. Wade, and a fetus's 'right to life,'" according to a public policy report by the Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit organization that researches reproductive health issues and supports abortion rights.

By "labeling" the fetus even in its earliest stages an 'unborn child' in the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, anti-abortion strate-

gists are seeking to lay critical groundwork for Roe's eventual demise," the report said.

Of the 35 states that have enacted fetal homicide laws, 25 make it a separate crime to harm a fetus starting at conception; 10 other states have varying requirements, such as fetal viability or after "quickeening" or movement in the womb. The state laws have been upheld on appeal.

All fetal homicide laws specify that a pregnant woman may not be prosecuted for having an abortion or somehow harming her own fetus. But the National Advocates for Pregnant Women say that some states have used those laws declaring the fetus a child to prosecute women for "child abuse" if they used drugs or alcohol while pregnant.

So prosecuting Hasan under 119a would add another layer of complexity and politics in an already big, emotionally fraught case.

"It's a political issue, it was a political hot potato then, and potentially still is," wrote Philip Cave, a former Navy lawyer now in private practice on his Web site, court-martial.com.

"He's got 13 murder raps on him. Why complicate the issue?" said David Court, a longtime

## Hasan placed in pretrial holding

SAN ANTONIO — The Army psychiatrist charged in one of the worst mass shootings on a U.S. military base has been placed in pretrial confinement but will remain in a military hospital.

A military magistrate made that decision Saturday during a hearing in Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan's hospital room at a San Antonio military hospital. It's where Hasan's been recovering since the Nov. 5 shooting at Fort Hood.

Hasan's civilian attorney John Galligan says he's concerned about where Hasan will be moved once he's released from the hospital, but he doesn't know when that will happen. He says Hasan is paralyzed and still in ICU.

From The Associated Press

military defense lawyer based in Germany.

Last month, a U.S. federal district court judge in New Mexico granted motions to reschedule a trial in what is believed to be the first federal UVVA case, the killing of a pregnant woman by her boyfriend that occurred on a Navajo reservation in December.

The lawyers needed more time, the judge agreed, because the indictment "raises novel questions of law .... The constitutional issues arising from this prosecution are indeed unusual and complex."

In May, an airman at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska became what's believed to be the first military defendant convicted under Article 119a.

Airman 1st Class Scott Boie was convicted of assault and attempting to kill an unborn child after lacing his pregnant wife's food with an ulcer drug known to cause miscarriages, and she miscarried, according to news reports.

The military jury acquitted him of killing an unborn child.

He was sentenced to nearly 10 years in prison. So far, there has been no appeal, said the clerk of the U.S. Air Force Court of Appeals.

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## Hasan: E-mails to radical cleric contained cryptic, coded exchanges

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One source said the two discussed in "cryptic and coded exchanges" the transfer of money overseas in ways that would not attract law enforcement attention.

"He (Hasan) clearly became more radicalized toward the end, and was having discussions related to the transfer of money and finances ...," the source said in describing the 18 or 19 intercepted e-mails.

"It became very clear toward the end of those e-mails he was interested in taking action."

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said Friday he would investigate the handling of the e-mails and why military officials were not aware of them before the deadly attack.

Levin told reporters after a briefing from Pentagon staff members that "there are some who are reluctant to call it terrorism, but there is significant evidence that it is."

Bits and pieces of Hasan's communications with al-Awlaki have become public since the Fort Hood shooting, but the sources

provided the most comprehensive look at messages, which will help investigators determine whether Hasan was motivated by psychological deterioration or inspired by radical religious views he found online and through e-mail exchanges with al-Awlaki.

Lawmakers and counterterrorism experts questioned why no one in the government interceded earlier given al-Awlaki's history and Hasan's military position.

The disclosures came as investigators in the FBI and the Army's Criminal Investigation Division continue to interview witnesses

and execute search warrants in and around the Army's largest base in Killeen, Texas, and elsewhere.

Last week Defense Secretary Robert Gates launched a departmentwide review to identify servicemembers who may pose a threat and to examine how the Pentagon responds to violence at its facilities.

The FBI obtained the e-mails pursuant to court-ordered wiretaps, according to a former intelligence official.

To date, investigators have not unearthed evidence that Hasan

sent money to charities with strong or suspicious ties to Islamist militant groups, but they are continuing to probe his financial dealings as one aspect of a many-pronged case, other sources cautioned.

Several current and former investigators who handle high-profile cases said that not citing terrorism as a possible motivation for Hasan at this stage may simply be a function of the legal standards imposed by prosecutors preparing the search applications.

# Are the service academies too uniform?

## Lawmakers with most minority constituents nominate fewest for military colleges

BY BRIAN WITTE  
The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — As U.S. military academies try to recruit more minorities, they aren't getting much help from members of Congress from big-city districts with large numbers of blacks, Hispanics and Asians.

From New York to Chicago to Los Angeles, lawmakers from heavily minority areas rank at or near the bottom in the number of students they have nominated for appointment to West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy or the U.S. Air Force Academy, according to an Associated Press review of records from the past five years.

High school students applying to the academies must be nominated by a member of Congress or another high-ranking federal official. Congressional nominations account for about 75 percent of all students at the academies.

Academy records show that lawmakers in roughly half of the 435 House districts nominated more than 100 students each during the five-year period.

But Rep. Nydia Velazquez of New York City, chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, nominated only four students, the lowest among House members who served the entire five-year period. Rep. Charles Rangel, whose New York City district includes Harlem, was second-lowest, with eight nominations. And House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, whose San Francisco district is 29 percent Asian, was also near the bottom, with 19.

In fact, the bottom 20 House members were all from districts where whites make up less than a majority.

"It's beyond my imagination how someone that has the ability to nominate doesn't do it," Craig Duchossois said last December



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at his final meeting as chairman of the Naval Academy's Board of Visitors.

He noted what an academy appointment means: a free four-year education and a guaranteed job as an officer for at least five years after graduation.

Velazquez, Rangel and Pelosi

would not comment or did not return calls.

Academy leaders and some on Capitol Hill do not put all the blame on the politicians, pointing out that some districts might have a shortage of qualified candidates, either because students have not gotten the necessary

Above: Capt. Steve Speed, of the U.S. Naval Academy, talks to Ralph Bayko, left, and his son Terrence during Academy Information Night at the Delaware Technical & Community College in Dover on February 17.

Left: Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Air Force Junior ROTC cadet Kwameka Jones salutes on Nov. 12 in Baltimore. Members of Congress who have made the fewest nominations to the nation's three major military academies represent districts with large minority populations, at a time when the schools are trying to increase diversity.

academic preparation from their struggling schools, they are unaware of the opportunity, or they are uninterested.

But while the burden is ultimately on students to apply, academy leaders and others said elected officials should be doing more to publicize the opportunity

by doing such things as visiting schools.

The academies have approached dozens of members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to discuss attracting more minority students.

Also, the military recently put together a how-to booklet on minority recruiting and sent it to all congressional offices, said Charles Garcia, chairman of the Air Force Academy's board of visitors.

In addition, the Air Force Academy has begun flying in congressional staff members from districts with few minority nominations for lessons on recruiting, Garcia said.

"We train them on 'Here are the things other districts have done that is successful,'" he said. "We are hopeful that will have a huge impact going forward."

The academies can cite some recent progress. The freshman class of 1,230 at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., includes 435 students who are black, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American or part of another minority group. That is about 35 percent, up from 28 percent the year before.

At the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York, there are 330 minorities in the freshman class of about 1,300, or about 25 percent, up from 22 percent in 2008. The freshman class of 1,376 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., includes 312 minorities, or 23 percent, also a slight increase from the previous class.

House members are limited to nominating students in their districts. Lawmakers can have five students from their districts at each academy at a time, and they can nominate up to 10 students for each vacant seat.

## Pilot: Determined young aviator sees the sky as no limit

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Colin has 43 hours of flying time and is weeks away from obtaining a private pilot's license. The journey has taken more than a year.

"Young black men aren't limited to basketball or being a rapper," Colin said. "Basketball is a game. Flying is a career choice. It's something I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

On a sunny Sunday afternoon in October, Colin folds his lanky 6-foot-2 frame into the family minivan for the 45-minute ride from their home to Prince George's County, Md., for the day's flying lesson.

At the field, Colin and his mother go over the day's lessons with his instructor: understanding the performance characteristics of the airplane, managing power, controlling airspeed with pitch. The session will involve steep turns and stalls in a practice area in Waldorf, near the Potomac River.

First, Colin has to check out the airplane: a 27-year-old Cessna 172 Skyhawk. He runs his finger along the propeller blades, checks the oil level and looks for

dings or nicks on the wings. He looks over the flaps and the airbrakes. Once inside with the instructor, he fiddles for the right key and starts up the plane. Minutes later, he's heading for the runway, talking to air traffic controllers: "Potomac Tower, this is 511236 rolling to runway 2-4."

As an avid video game-playing eighth-grader, Colin began to wonder if being a fighter pilot could be a real job. He called up the Air Force Web site to check the requirements. "That's when I knew I wanted to do this," he said. "I just grabbed more information."

Linda Banks, a project manager at Verizon and a single mother, began to hunt for information, too. "Once he told me he wanted to be in the Air Force — once I stopped crying — I looked at different activities for the Air Force."

One of the activities she found was Air Force Day at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, near Dulles International Airport. One of the panels featured Tuskegee Airmen, the pioneering black World War II pilots who battled segregation. Sensing promise in Colin, a volunteer encouraged him

to try out Tuskegee's Youth in Aviation program.

Hundreds of black children in the United States are exposed to aviation careers every year. Still, only a handful of students each year show sustained interest in becoming pilots, organizers say.

Students appear to be discouraged by the financial dynamics of the profession, they say. Training for a private pilot's license, the first step for many aspiring aviators, costs thousands of dollars. A private college education that focuses on aviation can leave a graduate burdened with \$100,000 in debt.

Colin joined the Tuskegee program, maintaining an interest as peers grew bored of aviation museums and stories of Kitty Hawk. He attended a 10-week Tuskegee ground school and passed a rigorous federal written exam.

Others' lack of interest has proved a boon to Colin's piloting dreams. The Youth in Aviation program has spent more than \$6,000 teaching Colin how to fly. Still, he faces long odds. His next hurdle is winning a commission to the U.S. Air Force Academy, which involves securing an official

nomination from his U.S. representative, Democrat Gerald E. Connolly, from one of Virginia's two U.S. senators or the vice president's office.

Between 9,000 and 10,000 people apply each year, but only 1,300 are offered admission, said David Cannon, the academy's director of communications. Currently, 241 of the academy's 4,544 students are black and 923 are women, according to academy statistics.

Between 1987 and 2009, the academy graduated 7,454 cadets who went on to attend the Air Force's pilot training; 333, or 4.4 percent, were black, according to the academy's statistics.

Colin's flight experience will help if he makes it into a military flight training program, according to Nelson Evans, co-chairman of Tuskegee's local Youth in Aviation program. He said many people with the potential to become black military pilots are at a disadvantage because they lack cockpit experience.

"To be a Navy or Air Force pilot and be black is not easy," said Evans, a bank manager who holds a private pilot's license. "It's probably easier to be in the NFL."

# Evidence points to soldier in fatal crash

BY DAVID ALLEN  
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*Stars and Stripes*

**YOMITAN, Okinawa** — Faced with such evidence as blood and hair found on the damaged front end of a car he drove Nov. 7, a U.S. soldier has admitted he may have been involved in a fatal hit-and-run, his Japanese lawyer said.

But the staff sergeant continues to claim he stopped his car after he hit something while driving home about 4:40 a.m., but saw nothing when he got out of the car to inspect the damage, attorney Toshimitsu

Takaesu said.

And that very well could be, said an American minister who was flagged down while jogging along the village road nearly 13 hours later.

"I was jogging home when an elderly Okinawa couple waved me over to where they were standing," said Jason Sorley, a pastor at the nearby Okinawa Christian School International, in a telephone interview. "They were pointing at two white shoes sticking out of the bushes."

Upon closer inspection, Sorley saw an elderly man, dressed in dark clothing, lying in the heavy vegetation.

"It was well concealed," he said. "I probably would not have noticed had they not stopped me."

Takaesu said his client believed he had hit an overhanging tree branch. But Sorley said there are no large trees in the area.

The next morning, the soldier took the white sedan to a body shop in the nearby town of Kadena. An Okinawa policeman saw the car parked there in the afternoon and remarked about how serious the damage appeared. The front end was dented and the windshield shattered.

Blood and hair samples taken from the car later matched the victim, Okinawa police reported.

lice reported.

After a week of questioning by Okinawa police, the soldier decided to refrain from any further meetings until police would agree to videotape the questioning. He claims a statement he made to them early in the investigation was mistranslated.

He is restricted to Torii Station during the police investigation.

Okinawa police said they are treating the case as vehicle manslaughter and leaving the scene of an accident.

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## Misawa, Yokota have limited H1N1 vaccines

H1N1 vaccinations began at Misawa Air Base on Monday.

The initial shipment was limited, so only high-risk personnel are receiving the vaccinations. Those include people with cancer, asthma or diabetes; health care workers; pregnant women; and first responders. Hospital officials do not know when additional shipments will arrive at Misawa.

Yokota Air Base medical officials reported that they also received a limited amount of the swine flu vaccine.

Priority is being given to deploying servicemembers, followed by medical personnel and high-risk patients.

## 5K runners to earn Captain's Cup points

**YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan** — The base's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department will host the Captain's Cup "Big Run 5K" at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 4.

All finishers will be awarded points for their command's overall Captain's Cup standing. T-shirts will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Entry is free, and strollers are welcome.

For more information, call DSN 241-4486.

## Judge: Former AF nurse didn't kill patients

**SAN ANTONIO** — A military judge has found a former Air Force nurse accused of killing three terminally ill patients not guilty of murder.

Capt. Michael Fontana was accused of administering excessive dosages of painkillers to speed the patients' deaths.

Presiding over the court martial Saturday, Col. William Burd said Fontana was not guilty on all counts.

Speaking after the ruling, Fontana said he never regretted the treatment that he gave and that he hopes he can return to nursing.

Fontana has been in the Air Force since 2006 and served a tour in Iraq in 2007. He worked as an intensive care nurse at Wilford Hall, which primarily serves military personnel and retirees but provides emergency and trauma care to some civilians.

From staff and wire reports



JERRY MORRISON/Courtesy of the Department of Defense

**Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates takes an aerial tour of the Island of Guam in May 2008 during preliminary planning for a substantial increase in construction to house more than 8,000 additional Marines expected to relocate from Okinawa. On Friday, the Navy released a report on the potential effects of the move.**

## Details: Buildup would bring thousands to island

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The troop movement, from Okinawa to Guam, is part of a strategy to decrease troops in Japan and bolster the U.S.-controlled island in the Pacific.

While that agreement has come under scrutiny by a newly elected government in Japan, U.S. military officials say they are moving forward with the estimated \$10.3 billion project.

Friday's release of the environmental impact statement contains thousands of pages listing options about where the military wants to put the Marines, a new Army air defense unit and an expanded berth for visiting aircraft carriers within the island's Apra Harbor port.

It also includes details about transforming existing training space on Tinian, an island in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands. The expansion would support company- and battalion-level live-fire ranges.

Most of the report, though, deals with significant changes anticipated on Guam during and after the buildup. They include increased noise on the northern part of the island, traffic snarls during road construction, loss

An online version of the Navy's report is available at [guambuildup.eis.us](http://guambuildup.eis.us)

of habitat for threatened and endangered species, and significant changes to the coral reef ecosystem in Outer Apra Harbor, according to the report's executive summary.

Overall, the buildup would bring about 34,000 new people to Guam permanently. About a quarter of the 1,800 new civilian Department of Defense jobs would be hired from island residents.

The military would expand and use much of Guam's utility infrastructure for power, sewage and trash. Under one proposal, the Navy would drill 22 new wells on Andersen Air Force Base while connecting with the Guam Water Authority's system, the report states.

When it comes to land use, the military would use much of its existing land at the northern tip of the island. Yet it's clear, as military officials have said previously, that the current footprint is not enough for current plans, the report states.

Under a preferred option, the military would buy or lease private and public land near existing bases, including area now used as a racing track, reserved for development for new housing and existing homes, according to Sen. Judith Guthertz, who chairs Guam's legislative committee that oversees the military expansion.

"Land is a very emotional issue here, especially because of our experiences during and after World War II," Guthertz said Saturday during a phone interview. Then, she said, "a lot was taken by the Navy and was not always under the best and fair terms for the indigenous people."

Now some of the land the Navy wants — including land reserved for development by the local Chamorro people — is controlled by Guam, which is a U.S. territory without a vote in Congress. A local law passed last year will require approval from Guam's legislature before the military can buy or lease any locally controlled parcels.

But Guthertz said she and other local leaders anticipated those requests. Understanding what else might be in the massive report is the next step.

On Saturday, government officials in Guam were beginning to go through the details. Guthertz said her office spread the thousands of pages out in a room and assigned staff to study certain sections. Guam Gov. Felix Camacho parceled the report out to agency heads to comb through the technical language of the statement, which many call the EIS.

"We've only had it barely a day," said Shawn Gumataotao, deputy chief of staff for the governor. "All of our regulatory agencies will spend a lot of time with our people looking at the EIS. We're also encouraging the public to do the same."

The Navy put the report out a day early, on Friday. An electronic version can be viewed online, and hard copies are available at local libraries and some mayors' offices. A reading room was set up in the Agana Shopping Center in Hagatna.

Until Feb. 17, anyone can comment on the proposed options in the report, either online or by mail. The Navy will hold six public hearings on Guam, Saipan and Tinian from Jan. 7 to Jan. 15.

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## IN THE WORLD

# Italy arrests 2 thought to back Mumbai attacks

The Associated Press

ROME — Italian police on Saturday arrested a Pakistani father and son accused of helping fund and providing logistical support for last year's terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, authorities said.

The two were arrested in an early morning raid in Brescia, where they managed a money transfer agency, police in the northern Italian city said.

The day before the attacks began on Nov. 26 they allegedly sent money using a stolen identity to a U.S. company to activate Internet phone accounts used by the attackers and their handlers, said Stefano Fonsi, the head of anti-terror police in Brescia.

The transfer was just \$229 but gave the attackers five lines over the Internet which are difficult to trace and allowed militants

to keep in touch even during the rampage, Fonsi said.

Italian police began the probe in December after being alerted by the FBI and Indian police about the transfer, Fonsi said.

Ten militants, allegedly from Pakistan, killed 166 people in a three-day assault on luxury hotels, a Jewish center and other sites in India's financial capital.

The funds were transferred under the identity of another Pakistani man who had never been to Italy and was not involved in the attacks, Fonsi said.

The two suspects in Brescia, identified as Mohammad Yaqub Janjua, 60, and Aamer Yaqub Janjua, 31, are accused of aiding and abetting terrorism as well as illegal financial activity. Their agency, which operated on the Western Union money transfer network, was seized by police.

## Mine blast kills 42 in China, traps dozens

BY CARA ANNA  
The Associated Press

HARBIN, China — Rescuers working in frigid cold and darkness tried to reach 66 people believed trapped a third of a mile underground after a huge gas explosion Saturday ripped through a coal mine in northern China, killing at least 42 people.

The pre-dawn blast at the state-run Xinxing mine in Heilongjiang province near the border with Russia is the latest to hit China's deadly mining industry. Authorities say parlous safety is improving, but hundreds still die in major accidents each year.

Television footage showed smoke billowing out of the mine after the explosion went off, caused by a gas buildup. It caused a building to collapse nearby.

Some 528 miners were underground at the time. The State Administration of Work Safety said 389 of them managed to escape.

Of the rest, 31 miners were rescued, including six in serious condition in the hospital, China Central Television reported. Forty-two bodies were recovered and rescuers were searching for 66 others still believed trapped.

CCTV displayed a diagram showing the miners trapped about a third of a mile underground. Rescuers in orange suits and with breathing equipment were attempting to enter the mine through another entrance.



**Paramilitary soldiers guard the smoldering site of a gas explosion at the Xinxing mine in Hegang, Heilongjiang province, China. Saturday's blast killed 42 people and rescuers worked to free miners still trapped inside.**

The massive blast cut power in the mine, as well as ventilation and communication links, hampering the efforts of the more than 300 rescue workers.

Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang visited some of miners recovering in hospital Saturday afternoon.

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted Wang Xingang, one of those rescued, recounting how the blast inside the mine had briefly knocked him out.

"When I regained consciousness, I groped my way out in the dark and called for help," said the 27-year-old electrician.



BRICE KEYSSTONE, CERN/AP

**Scientists react in the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, control center Saturday after successfully restarting the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, Switzerland, on Friday.**

## Atom smasher restarts with a bang

BY ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS  
The Associated Press

GENEVA — Scientists moved Saturday to prepare the world's largest atom smasher for exploring the depths of matter after successfully restarting the \$10 billion machine following more than a year of repairs.

The nuclear physicists working on the Large Hadron Collider were surprised that they could so quickly get beams of protons whizzing near the speed of light during the restart late Friday, said James Gillies, spokesman for the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

The machine was heavily damaged by a simple electrical fault in September last year.

Some scientists had gone home early Friday and had to be called back as the project jumped ahead, Gillies said.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research has taken the restart of the collider step by step to avoid further setbacks as it moves toward new scientific experiments — probably starting in January — regarding the makeup of matter and the universe.

CERN, as it is known, had hoped by 7 a.m. Saturday to get the beams to travel the 17-mile

circular tunnel under the Swiss-French border, but things went so well Friday they achieved the operation seven hours earlier.

Praise from scientists around the world was quick.

"First beam through the Atlas!" whooped an e-mail from Adam Yurkewicz, an American scientist working on the massive Atlas detector on the machine.

"I congratulate the scientists and engineers that have worked to get the LHC back up and running," said Dennis Kovar of the U.S. Department of Energy, which participates in the collider project.

## Palestinians to set new date for elections

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian officials announced Friday that a new date for parliamentary and presidential elections will be set next month now that President Mahmoud Abbas has agreed to postpone the January vote, though the Gaza Strip's Hamas rulers maintain they will boycott the voting.

The elections were supposed to be a central component of an Egyptian-mediated effort to reconcile Abbas and his rivals in the Islamic militant group Hamas.

Months of talks, however, have failed to produce a deal, and Abbas had decided to move ahead with elections anyway, angering Hamas.

The militant group has controlled the Gaza Strip since seizing power from forces loyal to Abbas in June 2007.

The Palestinian Election Commission said last week that the Jan. 24 voting should be put off, saying that Hamas' opposition made it impossible for voting to take place in Gaza.

Abbas said in an interview on Thursday that he has agreed to

that recommendation.

He said he still hopes to reconcile with Hamas so voting can go forward in Gaza as well as the

West Bank and Arab areas of Jerusalem.

The Election Commission said Friday it would meet in December to set a new date.

Abbas said in the Thursday interview

that he was standing by his decision not to seek another term as president. He announced at the beginning of the month that he planned to leave politics because he was frustrated over the 10-month stalemate in Israel-Palestinian peace efforts.

His departure would throw peace efforts into turmoil, particularly if a Hamas candidate were to be elected president. Both Israel and the United States consider the group a terrorist organization

and refuse to have any dealings with its politicians.

"The decision not to run myself for elections is a final decision," Abbas said. "The issue doesn't depend on changing the circumstances that led me not to run for the upcoming elections, even if the circumstances changed or altered completely. As for me, I took my decision, I'm not running."

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# Iran plans drill to counter strike on nuclear sites

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will begin large-scale air defense war games Sunday aimed at protecting its nuclear facilities from possible attack, a senior military commander said Saturday, reflecting the country's concern that Israel could make good on threats to strike militarily.

The five-day drill will involve Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard and the regular army and will cover 230,000 square miles of central, western and southern Iran, air force Gen. Ahmad Mighani said.

As Iran has pressed forward with its nuclear program, Israel has repeatedly threatened military action to prevent Tehran from obtaining nuclear weapons. The U.S. also has not ruled out military action should diplomacy fail to resolve the dispute over Iran's nuclear activities.

Washington and its European allies suspect Iran aims to use a civilian nuclear program as cover

to produce weapons, and Iran has effectively rejected a new U.N. proposal aimed at easing those concerns. Tehran denies any intention to make nuclear weapons and says it only wants to generate power.

The defense drill will involve an attack by airplanes representing a hypothetical enemy.

"Reconnaissance enemy planes will violate our airspace and try to disrupt electronic and radar systems, identify sensitive facilities, take photos and ... attack air defense sites," Mighani said, according to a state TV report. "And our air defense system will confront the intruding planes."

A planned key component of Iran's air defenses, an anti-aircraft missile system from Russia, has yet to be delivered.

Mighani criticized Russia, saying the delay in the S-300 missiles was apparently the result of Israeli pressure, not technical issues, as Moscow claims.

Mighani said the missiles were supposed to have been delivered several months ago.



ERANGA JAYAWARDENA/AP

**Internally displaced Sri Lankan Tamil civilians peep over a fence at a camp for the displaced in Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, on Saturday. A senior Sri Lankan official said all ethnic minority Tamil detainees will be freed from government camps Dec. 1.**

## Sri Lanka to free refugees Dec. 1

The Associated Press

MANIK FARM, Sri Lanka — Sri Lanka next month will release the remaining 136,000 Tamil refugees still in the squalid and overrun government camps where they've been detained since the country's civil war ended six months ago, a top official said Saturday.

Some 300,000 war refugees were forced into the camps after fleeing the final months of the government's decades-long war with the separatist Tamil Tiger

rebels, which ended in May.

The ethnic minority Tamils are being held against their will. More than half were released in recent months amid pressure from rights groups and foreign governments. Authorities say nearly 136,000 people remain detained in the camps, which are guarded by soldiers and strung with barbed wire.

Basil Rajapaksa, a senior adviser to his brother, President Mahinda Rajapaksa, said Saturday the refugees will be free to

return to their villages after Dec. 1 and the camps will be closed by Jan. 31.

The announcement came two days after the U.N. humanitarian chief, John Holmes, pressed Sri Lanka to allow the war refugees to leave. Sri Lanka pledged in September to the U.N. that all civilians would be sent home by the end of January.

Rights groups say the detention is an illegal form of collective punishment for the ethnic group. Access to the camps is restricted.

## Argentina says 'dirty war' orphans must provide DNA

The Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Valuing truth over the right to privacy, Argentina's Congress has authorized the forced extraction of DNA from people who may have been born to political prisoners slain a quarter-century ago — even when they don't want to know their birth parents.

Human rights activists hope the new law will help find about 400 people stolen as babies, many from women who were kidnapped and gave birth inside clandestine torture centers during the 1976-83 dictatorship. Thousands of leftists disappeared in what became known as the "dirty war"

against political dissent.

Others see the new law as unacceptable government intrusion, legalizing the violation of a person's very identity. As written, it could have much broader implications, enabling DNA to be sought from anyone whenever a judge determines the evidence to be "absolutely necessary."

Children of the "disappeared" were often given to military or police families considered loyal to the military government.

The project of the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo was approved by a 58-1 vote of the Senate on Wednesday.



**U.S. murder suspect Amanda Knox is escorted by a penitentiary police officer as she arrives at Perugia's court in Italy on Saturday.**

## Life in prison requested for U.S. student in Italy killing

The Associated Press

PERUGIA, Italy — Prosecutors on Saturday requested life in prison for an American student and her ex-boyfriend accused in the fatal stabbing of her British roommate during a drug-fueled sex game — charges the U.S. woman dismissed as "pure fantasy."

In their closing arguments, the prosecutors said Amanda Knox and Italian Raffaele Sollecito should be convicted on charges of murder and sexual violence for the 2007 slaying of Meredith Kercher.

They deny wrongdoing. Knox, who is from Seattle, took

a deep breath when Prosecutor Giuliano Mignini requested life imprisonment — Italy's stiffest punishment. She then addressed the court, saying that the accusations against her were "pure fantasy."

"Meredith was my friend; I didn't hate her," she said in Italian, fighting back tears.

The Briton's body, her throat slit, was found in a pool of blood on Nov. 2, 2007, in the apartment she shared with Knox in the central Italian town of Perugia.

Knox, 22, and Sollecito, 25, have been jailed for more than two years since being arrested shortly after the slaying.



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# Couple plead guilty in 30-year Cuba spy plot

By DEVLIN BARRETT  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A retired State Department worker and his wife accused of a decades-long plot to spy for Cuba pleaded guilty Friday in a deal that will leave him behind bars for the rest of his life but gives her a chance at freedom in six years.

Walter Kendall Myers, 72, and his wife, Gwendolyn, 71, were

caught in an undercover FBI sting operation, arrested in June and held without bail.

Myers pleaded guilty to plotting to commit espionage and to wire fraud.

His wife pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of plotting to gather and transmit national defense information and agreed to serve six to 7 1/2 years in prison.

Through court documents, Myers admitted he was known

as "Agent 202" and that he and Gwendolyn began a conspiracy in 1979 to provide national security information to the government of Cuba.

U.S. authorities say the couple delivered government secrets to Cuban agents over the past 30 years using a shortwave radio, by swapping carts at a grocery store, by sending encrypted e-mails and in at least one face-to-face meeting with former Cuban

leader Fidel Castro.

Key evidence in the case came from an undercover sting involving an FBI operative who approached Kendall Myers on the street on the defendant's birthday, April 15. The operative gave Kendall Myers a cigar, said he knew his Cuban handler and asked that they meet later.

The ruse worked, and the couple met three times with the undercover operative at Washington

hotels over the next two weeks. The FBI secretly videotaped the sessions, in which they say the couple made many incriminating statements about their time as spies.

Previously filed court documents indicate the couple received little money for their efforts, but instead professed a deep love for Cuba, Castro and the country's Communist system of government.

## N.C. trooper loses job after losing hat while on patrol

By MICHAEL BIESECKER  
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — If you're a state trooper, losing your hat can get you in trouble.

Lying about how you lost your hat, however, can get you fired.

Thomas C. Wetherington, 22, says he was treated unfairly when the N.C. Highway Patrol dismissed him in August over a lost hat.

"Look, we've got guys having sex in patrol cars just about every day," said Wetherington, a trooper since 2007. "Why did I get dismissed when other guys get slaps on the wrist?"

Capt. Everett Clendenin, the patrol's spokesman, declined to comment on the case Wednesday, citing pending legal action from the fired trooper.

Wetherington said that on a night in March he pulled over a vehicle towing a large boat on U.S. 70 in Craven County. While seizing open containers of alcohol and two loaded pistols from the vehicle's occupants, the trooper said, he set his hat on top of his patrol car. He said he heard it blow off during a strong gust.

The only trace he found was the flattened cord with two golden "acorns" that had adorned the top of the hat's brim.

Wetherington filed a written report stating his hat "was struck and was blown or dragged to an unknown location."

About two weeks later, the same driver whom Wetherington was ticketing when he lost his hat got stopped again by another state trooper. The driver had the hat, which he had retrieved from the dark road after Wetherington had left the scene.

The hat was then passed on to Wetherington's boss, according to a written report about the incident from the Highway Patrol.

"After receiving the hat, Sergeant Oglesby observed that it was in good condition and did not appear to have been run over as he had been told by Trooper Wetherington," the report said.

The report says after the sergeant questioned Wetherington, he admitted he had not been truthful in his initial report.

Citing a solid work record, the Employee Advisory Committee of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety also reviewed the case and ruled Sept. 1 that Wetherington should be reinstated and that the conduct of a supervisor who pushed for the dismissal be reviewed.

So far, the patrol has refused to give Wetherington his job back.



RYAN MOORE, THE (JACKSON, MISS.) CLARION-LEDGER/AP

A University of Mississippi police officer searches a member of the Ku Klux Klan before a protest over lost Southern symbolism at the university in Oxford, Miss., on Saturday.

## Ku Klux Klan chapter stages rally at Ole Miss

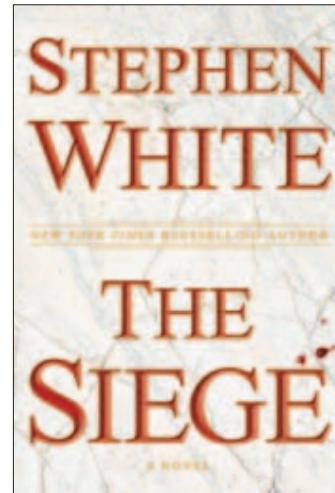
OXFORD, Miss. — About a dozen hooded Ku Klux Klan members rallied briefly at the University of Mississippi before Saturday's football game with No. 10 LSU.

The members of the Mississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan waved flags, displayed Nazi-style salutes and occasionally gestured at a group of about 250 hecklers. They were protesting the school's decision to drop a pep song that included "Dixie."

Some fans had been ending the song by chanting, "The South will rise again." Chancellor Dan Jones asked the band to stop playing the song after fans ignored a request to stop the chant.

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## YOUR MONEY

# Job hunters, here's what employers hate

By DIANE STAFFORD  
McClatchy Newspapers

Job hunters, here's insight into what employers hate about your applications.

Ann Mann, who advises people in job-transition programs at Lee Hecht Harrison in Overland Park, Kan., collected pet peeves from a "recruiters' roundtable."

The hirers' biggest gripes:

■ Applicants who apply to apply for several positions at the same company at the same time.

"It's an employers' market. They can be

very particular about finding the best fit for each job," Mann explains. "If you apply to several different jobs at once, you look desperate and not discriminating."

■ Resumes that go longer than two pages or are hard to read.

"Use a clear type font. Don't use colored paper. Don't include a picture. Use bold face to make important things stand out, and organize it logically," she suggests.

■ Jargon, abbreviations or titles that don't mean anything to outside eyes.

"Don't say you were a PM3 at Sprint," she warns. "Don't even say you were a

project manager. That's overused. What kind of project did you manage? Tell me your talent, your accomplishments."

■ Misspellings and bad grammar.

"Quickest way to the 'out' pile there is," she stresses.

■ Generic, confusing or inappropriate summary statement at the top of your resume.

"You need to tailor it to the specific job and briefly, strongly state what you can bring to the job," she advises.

■ Inappropriate e-mail addresses or phone greetings.

"Between Yahoo, Hotmail and Gmail, you ought to be able to create an e-mail address out of some form of your name," Mann counsels. "Look and sound businesslike."

■ Stalkers.

"Be tenacious, but don't stalk. Don't call more than once a day. We recommend every seven to 10 days, alternating between e-mail and phone messages. Keep it short, a positive statement about your continued interest in the job."

"And remember that your sense of urgency and the hirer's are two completely separate things."

## Another credit card fee is about to fly in your direction

HARRY R. WEBER  
*The Associated Press*

ATLANTA — Another fee is coming in the new year for airline and hotel customers — this time from your credit card company.

The message: Pay your bill on time or forfeit the miles or points you thought you earned for making purchases on your card during that month.

To get the rewards back, it's going to cost you.

American Express Co. is sending notices to customers who hold its cobranded cards with Delta Air Lines, JetBlue, Hilton Hotels and Starwood Hotels, that beginning in January rewards won't be transferred to loyalty accounts with those partners if you are late paying your bill.

You'll be hit with a \$29 reinstatement fee if you want the re-



**A traveler uses a Delta Airlines credit card to buy an airline e-ticket at the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, Calif.**  
**American Express Co. is sending notices to customers who hold its cobranded cards with Delta Air Lines Inc., JetBlue Airways Corp., Hilton Hotels Corp. and Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. that your rewards won't be transferred to your loyalty account with those partners if you are late paying your bill.**

AP

move considering tough new rules for credit card companies scheduled to go into effect in February. Under the new law, lenders won't be able to increase rates on existing balances unless a person is more than 60 days behind on a payment.

"Essentially if you can't charge one fee, you create a new fee," Ulzheimer said.

Banks deny that they are increasing rates ahead of the February deadline and blame fee increases on the economic downturn. American Express isn't saying how much revenue it expects to generate from the new reward reinstatement fee for cobranded cards.

American Express spokeswoman Desiree Fish said her company currently transfers Delta SkyMiles to its cardholders' loyalty accounts for eligible purchases even if they are late paying their bill.

Delta said in a statement that the changes to American Express' terms and conditions are consistent with changes across the credit card industry and also include new benefits for Delta customers, including the ability to earn unlimited SkyMiles for purchases on the credit card each year.

Here are some steps you can take to avoid the headache of losing your airline or hotel account and Marriott International Inc.

Citi spokesman Mark Rodgers said points earned on the company's Citi cards that offer rewards through the company's own rewards program may not be available for redemption if a card holder pays late one month, and in some cases a fee for reinstatement may apply. Rodgers said Citi is not considering reinstatement fees for its cobranded cards with American Airlines and Hilton.

JPMorgan Chase spokeswoman Tanya Madison said that if an account is past due for the co-branded United card, a customer will not earn miles until the account is paid.

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Military rates	
Japanese yen (Nov. 23).....	\$87.00
South Korean won (Nov. 23).....	1,137.00
Euro costs (Nov. 23).....	\$1,5218
Dollar buys (Nov. 23).....	€ 0.6571
British pound (Nov. 23).....	\$1.71

### Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar).....	0.3771
British pound.....	\$1.6481
Canada (Dollar).....	1.0714
China (Yuan).....	6.8325
Denmark (Krone).....	5.0100
Egypt (Pound).....	5.4600
Euro.....	\$1.4857/0.6731
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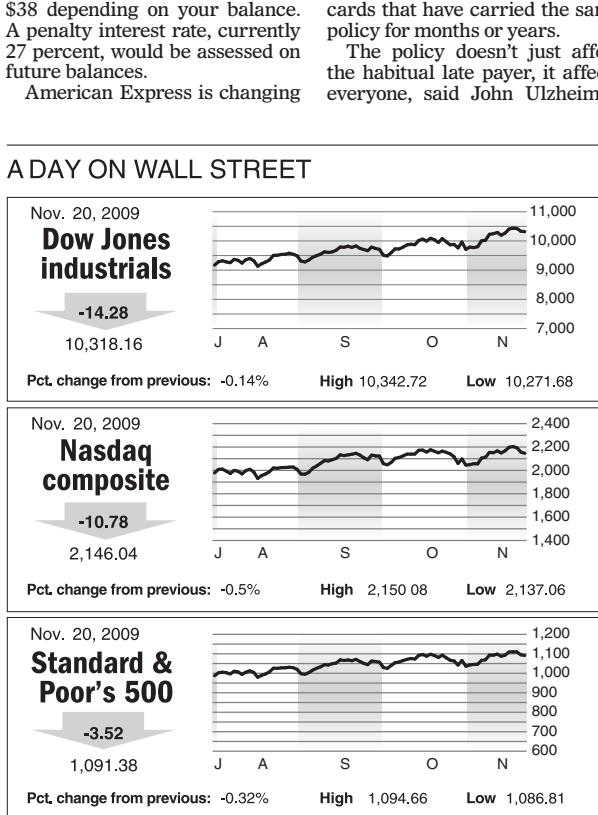
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Discount rate .....	0.50
Federal funds market rate .....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill .....	0.01
30-year bond .....	4.40

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

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president of educational services for Credit.com. "I think over the course of time, people miss a payment at least once because of unforeseen circumstances like something getting lost in the mail or a long vacation taking your focus off making your payments," he said.

Other card issuers, like Citigroup Inc. and JP Morgan Chase & Co., also have cobranded credit cards with airlines and hotels. Citi is paired with American Airlines. Chase is paired with United Airlines and Marriott International Inc.

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## FACES

# The battle rages

## Mayer makes sure his music rises above tabloids

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

*The Associated Press*

If you're engrossed in the Internet gossip that has come to define the celebrity world, John Mayer's latest CD, "Battle Studies," could provide enough fodder to fill at least a dozen Perez Hilton blog posts or at least one story in Us Weekly.

The single "Heartbreak Warfare" already has some speculating on its subject with lyrics like: "If you want more love, why don't you say so? ... Bombs are falling everywhere, heartbreak warfare."

Hmm... could that be a message to a certain famous "friend" who he's been linked with on and off for the past two years? A look into the much-dissected love life of one of music's hottest hunks?

Mention this to Mayer himself, and you'll get a serious eye-roll, followed up with an "Are you kidding me?" look.

"I know some people think that, but it doesn't," a slightly exasperated Mayer said during a break in rehearsals for two upcoming concerts.

"That would mean that my personal life is more powerful than the music itself, and it's just not. No one's personal life is more powerful than music itself, and it's just not."

"By the way, I'm not the first person to process a personal life into putting out a record," he added. "I think if there's any intrigue — obviously it would be silly of me to ask somebody not to be intrigued — but I think when the music starts playing, you're not thinking about my life, you're thinking about yours."

Mayer has rarely shied away from attention. He provides must-read updates to his more than 2.6 million followers on Twitter, engaged in a high-profile romance with Jennifer Aniston (which followed the high-profile romance with Jessica Simpson, which followed a romance with yet another starlet), has written for blogs and magazines and is known as one of the wittiest, media-savvy entertainers around.

But he is weary of those who would rather put the focus on John Mayer, the celebrity, and not John Mayer, the critically acclaimed, multiplatinum singer-songwriter-guitarist once heralded by Rolling Stone as one of rock's new "guitar gods."

"I've never liked the idea of somebody co-opting who I am, and I don't think anybody does," Mayer said, sitting

nerable, with songs titles like "Half of My Heart" (which features Taylor Swift) and "Perfectly Lonely." Mayer described it as the "loose-ends phase of my life."

"I have all the big pieces figured out ... I know what I want to do for my life, I know who my friends are, I know how to behave, I know what burns when I touch it because it's too hot," he said. "It's about tidying up those last few things so we can really get to the point in life so the struggle isn't the main event."

But Mayer's romantic struggles have become the main focus in the tabloid world — and he's rarely painted as the wounded party — most notably his relationship with Aniston, which reached its media apex when he escorted her to the Oscars earlier this year (and perhaps its low when he was quoted as confirming their then-breakup to paparazzi last year).

Mayer has dated other celebrities in the past, but the Aniston romance put him into tabloid overdrive. He was at best defined as a Lothario, at worst a cad. But what has been potentially more damaging is that in some circles, it has overshadowed his musicianship.

"You know what I really like? I like when people say to me, 'Gee, I didn't know he could play like that,'" said drummer Steve Jordan, the album's co-producer who has worked with Mayer for at least five years on various projects. "(People) see a People magazine or a Us (Weekly) magazine and they think that's what it's all about."

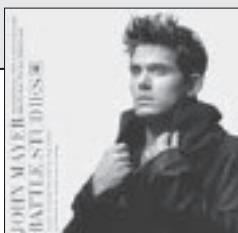
That infuriates Mayer to no end.

"By the way, I didn't really kill anybody," he said. "I didn't smash a car, I didn't commit a crime... I don't like the idea that there's an indictment on anything that I do."

"The idea that there has been a sullying of my image ... I'm not going to be

**"I've never liked the idea of somebody co-opting who I am, and I don't think anybody does."**

— John Mayer



in a small room as guitars wail in the background. It's been nearly a decade since John Mayer burst onto the music scene as the boyish-looking, uncommonly gifted musician on "Room for Squares," with hits like "Your Body Is a Wonderland." Over the years, he's worked with everyone from B.B. King to Buddy Guy, won seven Grammys and created signature hits like "Daughters" and "Gravity." Billed as the "next James Taylor," he quickly created a musical identity of his own.

"Battle Studies" — his fourth studio album — is what he describes as perhaps his most lyrically complex, and yet at the same time, his most straightforward. Now a veteran musician and producer, he has more confidence and experience when making a record.

"I don't see it as a series of winning bets," he said. "I see it as something I do for a living."

The album finds Mayer at his most emotionally vul-

buried with an Us Weekly. I don't give a (expletive) about it anymore. I can't worry about it, and I don't worry about it. And I don't think people want me to worry about it."

Mayer admitted that perhaps a month ago, before he started promoting his album, he might have started to worry about all the tabloid chatter. But then he went to Australia and found himself playing before thousands of fans who didn't care about who he was dating, or his latest Twitter post — just about his music.

And he knew that Mayer, the musician, would be fine.

"I've never played in front of a roomful of people who are chattering," he said. "I've played in front of a roomful of people who are singing along to every word. ... That's a lot louder than chatter."

**John Mayer describes his fourth studio album as perhaps his most lyrically complex, and yet his most straightforward.**



AP

## SCIENCE &amp; MEDICINE

# Choices offered but not covered

## More insurers acknowledge alternative medicine, but patients must pay

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
*The Associated Press*

After years of being lobbied for more choice, insurers and employers increasingly are covering alternative medical therapies. There are even alternative "HMOs" — networks of nontraditional providers that sell services to big employers and individuals.

Some alternative medicine fans are pushing to require or expand coverage as part of health care reform. But it can lead more people to use remedies they may not realize are of unproven value, which in turn can mean the people who use those treatments will pay for them, rather than have their insurer pay for proven remedies.

Insurers cover only a narrow range of alternative services for specific conditions where there is evidence of value, such as chiropractors for some types of back pain. But those services are marketed for many other uses that lack such proof, such as chiropractic treatments for asthma or ear infections and acupuncture for high blood pressure or insomnia.

Most insurers do not pay for herbal and dietary supplements because they are of unproven safety and worth. Yet some insurers, such as Aetna, let sellers advertise supplements to members, which can imply a benefit and coverage. Kaiser Permanente's HMO carries many supplements in its pharmacies and allows its network doctors to "prescribe" ones that it then sells to members, who pay the full cost.

Every person who chooses St. John's wort instead of Prozac for depression, red yeast rice instead of Lipitor to lower cholesterol, or an unproven therapy instead of a visit to a medical doctor pays out of pocket.

Those companies say they are offering the choice consumers demand and a safer way to get supplements that people already are buying from sources of dubious quality.

"We're not suggesting you buy this. But if you buy this, here is a place to get it safely," said R. Douglas Metz, a chiropractor who is chief health services officer of American Specialty Health, of San Diego. It's the largest of about half a dozen

firms that provide complementary and alternative medicine services to insurers, employers and individuals. Like an HMO, it has 15,000 chiropractors, 6,000 acupuncturists, 6,000 massage therapists and others in its network. About 13 million Americans are covered or eligible to use its services.

Aetna became one of its customers two years ago. A recent Aetna newsletter told members they could get at least a 15 percent discount and free shipping on more than 2,400 health and wellness products offered through American Specialty, including vitamin and herbal supplements, aromatherapy products and homeopathic remedies.

"We have members who come to us and ask us for these services," said Robin Downey, head of product development for Aetna. "When we can get a discount for them, that's something we are able to pass on."

The discount program is "an offering," not a recommendation to use a product, said Dr. Robert McDonough, who develops clinical policies for Aetna.



Christine Kinsella, a licensed acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist, treats a patient during an acupuncture treatment in San Diego.

Lenny Ignelzi/AP



## Curiosity's magnetic pull key to a fulfilling life?

By SUSAN KINZIE  
*The Washington Post*

You're out at a bar and you see that girl in the Pixies T-shirt, hyping your favorite band. You're dying to talk to her, but you hesitate, worried that she'll think you're a jerk.

Clinical psychologists study that kind of social anxiety all the time, said psychologist Todd Kashdan. But, as Kashdan sees it, they hadn't paid much attention to the flip side, the magnet pull

in the other direction, the thing that makes the other guy plunge right ahead to strike up a conversation: curiosity.

Kashdan, 35, a professor at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., has written a book, "Curious?" arguing that it's one of the keys to a happy, fulfilling life. The book is backed by research, making a case for curiosity and suggesting techniques for overcoming the anxiety that holds people back.

Kashdan has thrust himself into the pool of positive psychology, the study of the emotions,

values, social factors and other concepts that help people flourish rather than merely exist — a field that is dismissed by some researchers as fluff, with insufficient rigor to its research.

"There's a good portion of clinical psychologists that don't see much merit in positive psychology," said Patrick McKnight, one of Kashdan's colleagues at Mason. "I would say most people are skeptical of it and a small minority just think it's the greatest thing since sliced bread."

Kashdan said he's not so much positive psychologist as provocateur.

If people train themselves to be more attentive to the details, rather than drifting along on autopilot, they'll find that "there's beauty and intrigue around us everywhere — as long as we're open to what's around us," Kashdan said, adding that he thinks people can spark their curiosity to stay engaged in family life by learning from the way a small child can be transfixed by a sponge, say, or play happily with a stick for an hour. A child's sense of wonder and delight over the ordinary is instructive, he said.

McKnight pointed out that

there are downsides to curiosity, too. Some of their colleagues treat patients who are unable to finish projects because they're so easily distracted.

Kashdan touches on some of that in the book, noting the pathology of excessive curiosity: stalkers and flashers and people with morbid interests that dominate their thoughts.

But Kashdan said what he likes about the curiosity theory is how simple it is: In the end, people need to have a sense of purpose in their life, he said, and curiosity helps them define what that is and keep it fresh.



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# Santa's Mailbag program rescued

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—Wide-eyed children worldwide will be hearing from Santa's "elves" at the North Pole after all.

The U.S. Postal Service had decided to discontinue the program based in Anchorage, Alaska, amid privacy concerns.

The elves from Santa's Mailbag vowed to fight the decision, while North Pole residents voiced

outrage.

A reversal of the Postal Service move was announced Friday.

The letters will now be answered under tightened privacy rules implemented nationwide by the Postal Service in response to security concerns that arose in a similar program in Maryland last year.

"It's great!" said chief elf Gabby Gaborik of Santa's Mailbag.



**This ship has it all**

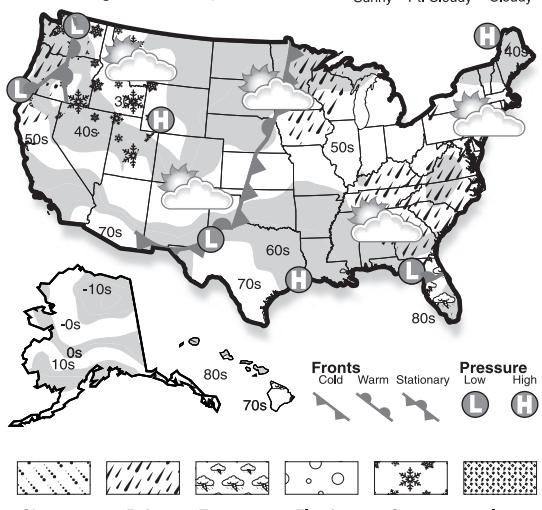
A guest zip-lines on the world's largest and newest cruise ship, the Oasis of the Seas. The ship, docked in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., can carry 5,400 passengers and has 15 decks, four swimming pools, miniature golf, rock climbing and surf simulators. Its debut voyage to the Caribbean is set for Dec. 1.

HANS DERYK/AP

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Nov. 22



### West gets wet, scattered rain in southeast

Another Pacific storm will slam into the Northwest, renewing rain and high elevation snow from Washington through the Sierra Nevadas. Another low will provide scattered rain in the Southeast, while a high will keep the Northeast dry.

Weather Underground • AP

### Saturday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	59	41	rn
Amsterdam	58	47	rn	Lima	71	62	pc
Athens	69	44	clr	Lisbon	66	57	pc
Auckland	64	55	rn	London	59	45	rn
Bahgdad	60	46	pc	Madrid	63	39	clr
Basra	71	51	pc	Managua	89	69	clr
Bahrain	78	71	clr	Manila	91	75	rn
Bangkok	84	71	pc	Mecca	95	68	clr
Barbados	86	75	rn	Melbourne	100	68	rn
Barcelona	65	52	clr	Mexico City	75	50	clr
Beijing	41	19	clr	Montevideo	76	53	pc
Beirut	72	58	clr	Montreal	49	37	rn
Belgrade	50	37	pc	Moscow	33	30	cdy
Berlin	59	39	clr	Nairobi	78	60	pc
Bermuda	75	68	rn	Nassau	84	69	rn
Bogota	69	48	pc	New Delhi	75	50	clr
Brasilia	84	67	rn	Nice	68	53	pc
Brisbane	86	75	pc	Osaka	59	42	pc
Brussels	61	50	pc	Oslo	50	33	rn
Bucharest	61	40	pc	Panama	91	75	sn
Budapest	46	33	cdy	Paris	59	48	pc
Buenos Aires	77	65	clr	Perth	71	53	pc
Cairo	72	57	pc	Prague	56	35	clr
Calgary	53	32	pc	Rio de Janeiro	93	77	clr
Caracas	90	78	clr	Rome	68	46	clr
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Dublin	52	42	rn	Tel Aviv	73	52	clr
Frankfurt	53	34	clr	Tokyo	55	41	rn
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Kuwait	73	51	clr	Zurich	48	38	pc

## MONDAY'S FORECAST

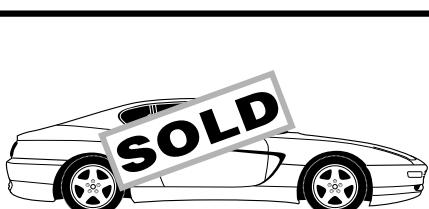


The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Sunday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	44	22	Cldy	Erie	54	40	PCldy	Jacksonville	75	60	Rain	Montgomery	62	51	Cldy	Richmond	56	42	Cldy	Springfield, Ill.	56	40	Cldy					
Abilene, Tex.	72	46	Clr	Charleston, S.C.	65	54	Rain	Eugene	50	40	Rain	Juneau	33	23	Cldy	Nashville	57	44	Rain	Roanoke	46	42	Rain	Springfield, Mo.	60	41	Cldy					
Akron, Ohio	55	36	PCldy	Charleston, W.Va.	56	39	Cldy	Evansville	60	41	Cldy	Kansas City	57	44	Cldy	New Orleans	66	52	PCldy	Rochester	53	38	Cldy	Syracuse	53	36	Cldy					
Albany, N.Y.	55	35	Cir	Charlotte, N.C.	50	46	Rain	Fairbanks	05	-26	Cir	Key West	83	75	PCldy	New York City	55	42	Cir	Rockford	55	38	PCldy	Tallahassee	73	58	Cldy					
Albuquerque	57	32	PCldy	Chattanooga	55	47	Rain	Fargo	46	32	Cldy	Knoxville	55	44	Rain	Newark	56	40	Cldy	Sacramento	59	39	Cldy	Tampa	80	68	Cldy					
Allentown, Pa.	56	37	PCldy	Cheyenne	43	23	Cldy	Flagstaff	52	18	Cldy	Lake Charles	71	46	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	58	47	Rain	St Louis	59	43	Cldy	Toledo	54	37	PCldy					
Amarillo	59	33	PCldy	Chicago	55	41	PCldy	Flint	52	36	PCldy	Lansing	54	41	PCldy	North Platte	50	26	Cldy	St Petersburg	78	70	Cldy	Topeka	55	42	Rain					
Anchorage	30	14	Cldy	Cincinnati	56	36	PCldy	Fort Smith	64	43	Cldy	Las Vegas	64	42	PCldy	Oklahoma City	62	45	PCldy	St Thomas	87	77	Rain	Tucson	75	45	Cldy					
Asheville	49	41	Rain	Cleveland	56	39	PCldy	Fort Wayne	54	37	Cldy	Lincoln	54	41	Cldy	Orlando	82	65	Cldy	Salt Lake City	44	26	Cldy	Tupelo	60	46	Cldy					
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**Story's source questionable**

I am an active-duty soldier currently deployed to Afghanistan. I write this not in my official capacity, but as a reflection of my personal opinion and that of the experiences of a commissioned combat arms, now public affairs, officer.

I just read "If gays can openly serve, will straights still want to?" (article, Nov. 19) and, as much as I would like to discuss the merits of removing the policy of congressionally mandated bigotry, instead I would like to ask the reporter about his sourcing.

Elaine Donnelly (president of the Center for Military Readiness)? Really? How about an article on the ascendant role of racial and religious minorities in our nation's military and then featuring a counterpoint by David Duke? Or, a discussion on the merits of gender equality at the flag and general officer level and then a counterpoint by Anita Bryant? Why not? Because Duke and Bryant are widely discredited. And, like Duke and Bryant, Donnelly and the 1,000-plus retired flag and general officers use a very specific, narrow interpretation of their religion as an instrument of law. That Donnelly was at one time given certain access to both servicemembers and Congress — not to mention carte blanche access by similarly minded high-ranking Defense Department officials — is interesting, but irrelevant. She has lost her access, the pulse of this generation of servicemembers, and the perceived gravitas of her one-time position, and the ear of anyone in any position of any real authority.

Her "Center for Military Readiness" is one woman, a computer with access to old data on the Internet, and a swirling vortex of similarly minded [people]. Her opinions, like those of the signatories to the letter by the 1,000-plus retired flag and general of-

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vented to South Korea to be with their husbands or wives. The military classifies these spouses as noncommand-sponsored who were, in the past, denied access to many facilities on post. In 1976, and again in 1980, my wife, Kathy, accompanied me as a noncommand-sponsored spouse to South Korea, where we lived in dilapidated shacks in villages near my post.

We were not allowed to have a motor vehicle and I vividly recall a bitterly cold December day in 1976 when we trekked several miles to the post exchange to Christmas shop. Because Kathy could not enter that facility, I brought potential gifts to the window to show to her. Standing outside, shivering in the frigid weather, she gave either a thumbs up or down for each gift.

My wife, like many other spouses of American servicemembers, didn't have to leave her loved ones and the comforts of stateside living to live under harsh conditions. But because she did, we both appreciate much more the American way of life we now enjoy.

Today, tens of thousands of military spouses are serving either alongside their loved ones at locations around the world or are back home supporting them. The sacrifices these unsung heroes make are worthy of our utmost gratitude. None of them should ever again be left out in the cold.

**Sgt. Maj. George S. Kulas (retired)**  
*Fond du Lac, Wis.*

**Chuck Norris on comics pages?**

I support the writer of "'Zits' nudes criticized" (letter, Nov. 11) [for the parody on the "Love is ..." comic]. Please replace this cartoon porn with "Chuck Norris is ..."

**Robert Quackenbush**  
*Camp Taji, Iraq*

# Conversations, not lectures, in China

Seattle Times editorial

**C**hina: bigger, bolder, richer. Such is the reality that shaped President Barack Obama's trip to Beijing and his talks with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

The two youthful leaders represent a generational change at the highest levels of their governments, and a contemporary sensibility about their relative economic influence and regional presence.

Capitalist China casts a much larger shadow in the world than communist China. The country's wealth, power and self-confidence change the two leaders' conversations about their respective economies, national security, climate change and human rights.

"I do not believe one country's success must come at the expense of another,"

Obama said at a news conference. Given the amount of Chinese lending that props up the U.S. budget, the low-cost goods that fuel American consumer spending, and an epic trade imbalance with China, the quote has all sorts of ironic interpretations.

Obama and Hu had two and a half hours of intensive private conversations, according to news accounts. These are the kinds of sessions that allow each leader to take measure of the other. Healthy contacts in advance of future, unpredictable emergencies over, say, North Korea or Iran.

However the diplomats might define such a working relationship, the two countries need each other. The United States lacks the capacity to unilaterally dictate events. China's rising influence and power are part of a productive and desirable partnership.

China is changing in ways that defy old

and new stereotypes, from Mao's smiling countenance to Shanghai shopping malls. Sixty percent of the country is still rural. The urban-rural income gap is huge, though change is under way.

Scholars, such as those at The National Bureau of Asian Research in Seattle, have looked at the influence of rural development on land rights and the growth of the rule of law. Core values and expectations are changing.

Obama poked and nudged his host on Taiwan, Tibet, human rights and Internet freedom and censorship, but the public finger wag was missing. This is the behavior of two ideological and economic rivals that expect to meet and talk again.

The imagined ability of the U.S. to dictate and issue orders is a relic of rising global capacity, not just in China.

BY GARRY TRudeau

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## Tour bus crash kills 2, injures 21

**MN** AUSTIN — Investigators were starting to reconstruct a tour bus accident that killed two people and injured 21 in southern Minnesota, seeking answers to what caused the driver to swerve off a clear, dry interstate freeway and roll the bus into a ditch.

The bus was traveling east on Interstate 90 just west of Austin, carrying a group of mostly senior citizens on their way home from a day trip to an Iowa casino. It crossed the median into the west-bound lanes, flipped over and ended up on its side in the ditch north of the freeway, said Minnesota Department of Public Safety spokesman Andy Skoogman.

## Leonardo da Vinci exhibit opens in Times Square

**NY** NEW YORK — An interactive exhibit featuring life-size models of Leonardo da Vinci's 500-year-old inventions and machines is opening in New York City's Times Square.

Although best known for painting the masterpiece "Mona Lisa," da Vinci also designed a fantastical array of futuristic flying machines, robots, weapons and mechanical devices.

## Man claiming disability spotted on TV show

**CA** LOS ANGELES — California tax officials said an interior designer's false disability claim was uncovered when he was spotted on a home improvement television show.

Ronald Hunt, 56, of Los Angeles was sentenced to 200 hours of community service and ordered to pay more than \$180,000 in restitution, unpaid taxes and fines. He pleaded guilty to two felony counts of fraud.

The state's Franchise Tax Board said Hunt falsely claimed he was disabled for three years and collected almost \$150,000 in benefits while earning about \$400,000 in income as an interior designer.

An employee of the insurance company that was paying Hunt's benefits saw Hunt on a Home and Garden Television program and reported him to the state Department of Insurance.

## Woman allegedly sought to have husband killed

**TX** HOUSTON — A tip led Harris County sheriff's deputies to a Katy, Texas, woman who allegedly offered to pay \$20,000 to have someone kill her husband.

Catherine Shamp was jailed on a charge of solicitation of capital murder. Bail was set at \$30,000. Electronic jail records did not list an attorney for Shamp.

The sheriff's department said an informant notified deputies that he had been approached by a woman seeking the death of 38-year-old David Shamp.

Investigators said the informant was fitted with a recording device on which the wife allegedly was heard offering to pay \$20,000 for the hit.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Unsafe bridge brought down with explosives

**PA** POINT MARION — Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation used 12 pounds of explosives to bring one of the state's most structurally problematic bridges crashing into a river.

The Point Marion Bridge connected Fayette and Greene counties in western Pennsylvania for some 80 years until it was imploded.

PennDOT engineer Darin Glitz said the bridge could no longer carry the level of traffic that crosses the Monongahela River.

A new bridge has opened to replace the original, which was just 15 feet from it.

### China to participate in giant telescope project

**HI** HONOLULU — Chinese astronomers have signed on to participate in the development of the world's largest telescope that will be built atop a Hawaii volcano, a group said.

The Thirty Meter Telescope, the group spearheading the project, said the National Astronomical Observatories of the Chinese Academy of Sciences has joined as an observer. It is the first step of a process expected to lead to



### Eye on the puck

**Carter Brubaker, 5, concentrates on his burgeoning hockey skills during a family outing at Potter Marsh in south Anchorage, Alaska.**

the NAOC becoming a full partner and financial contributor.

The telescope's mirror will stretch almost 100 feet in diameter when it's finished in 2018. It will be so powerful that astronomers will be able to use it to see images of the first stars and galaxies forming — some 400 million years after the Big Bang.

### City ends neighborhood checkpoint program

**DC** WASHINGTON — The District of Columbia has decided not to appeal a court ruling that found its police checkpoints in a high-crime neighborhood were unconstitutional.

In a court filing, D.C. Attorney General Peter J. Nickles said Police Chief Cathy Lanier has canceled the special order authorizing the Neighborhood Safety Zone program.

Last year, police stopped cars in the Trinidad neighborhood, refusing to let in motorists who didn't prove they lived in the area or reveal their destinations.

### New pipeline funnels gas across 8 states

**WY** CHEYENNE — A 1,679-mile pipeline crossing eight states is now fully completed and funneling natural gas from Wyoming and Colorado to the eastern edge of Ohio.

The long-awaited Rockies Express Pipeline became fully operational Nov. 12 following the recent completion of the final 195-mile section. The \$6.8 billion pipeline carries 1.8 billion cubic feet of gas, enough to heat 4 million homes, and took three years to complete.

### Man is accused of selling pot door-to-door

**TX** BROWNSVILLE — A 19-year-old Brownsville man was jailed on a drug charge after he allegedly went door-to-door trying to sell marijuana.

A Brownsville police spokesman said Anthony Carrasco's alleged scheme went awry when he knocked on a police officer's apartment door.

Spokesman Jimmy Manrique said the episode happened downtown near the University of Texas-Texas Southmost College campus. He said Carrasco allegedly had three ounces of marijuana with him that he tried to sell door-to-door.

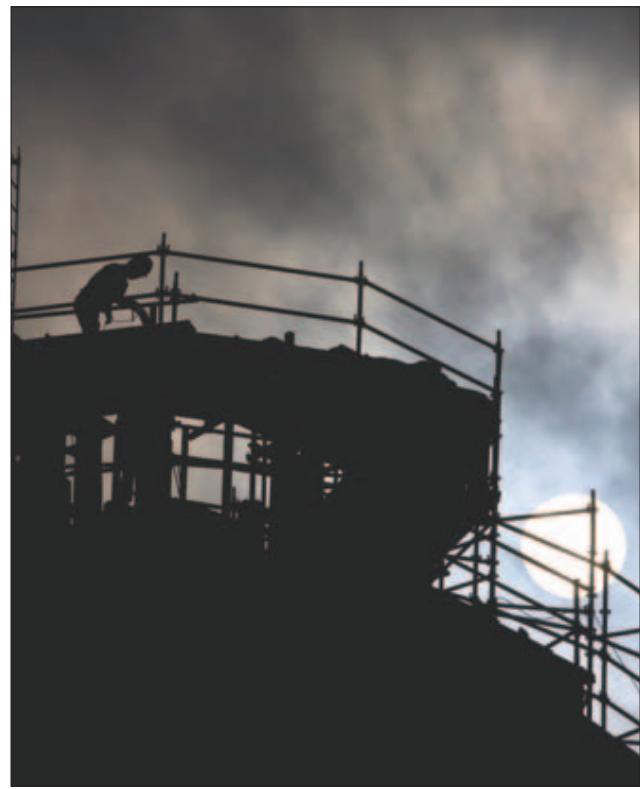
Finally, Carrasco knocked on the off-duty police officer's door. The officer "said he would be right back and went to get his badge and handcuffs."

### Man suspected of killing wife arrested in London

**CO** GLENWOOD SPRINGS — A 46-year-old professional poker player suspected of killing his wife in the United States more than a decade ago has been arrested at his home in Worcestershire, England.

Authorities in the state of Colorado said they are working to extradite Marcus Bebb-Jones after his arrest on a warrant for first-degree murder, concealing death and domestic violence.

His arrest came after a 12-year investigation into the death of his wife, Sabrina Bebb-Jones.



### By the light of the moon

**Construction workers renovate the dome of the Harris County Courthouse in downtown Houston. Dan Reissig, assistant manager of the Harris County Public Infrastructure Department, said the County plans to install a pinnacle assembly to the dome's top. The pinnacle was the original decoration on top of the dome when the building was built, but was damaged in the 1930s.**



### Look her in the eye

**Dr. Corey Hebert examines the eyes of Annette Petty of New Orleans at the National Association of Free Clinics' event at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. A nonprofit group's campaign to hold free medical clinics for the uninsured enabled about 200 doctors from across Louisiana to examine hundreds of people in one morning.**



### A cut for a cause

**Julie Tushkowsky, co-owner of Wild Styles hair salon in Bethalto, Ill., gives a reduced-price haircut to Tommy Proffer of Bethalto. The salon donated money from haircuts to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in honor of Proffer's girlfriend, who recently was diagnosed with the illness.**



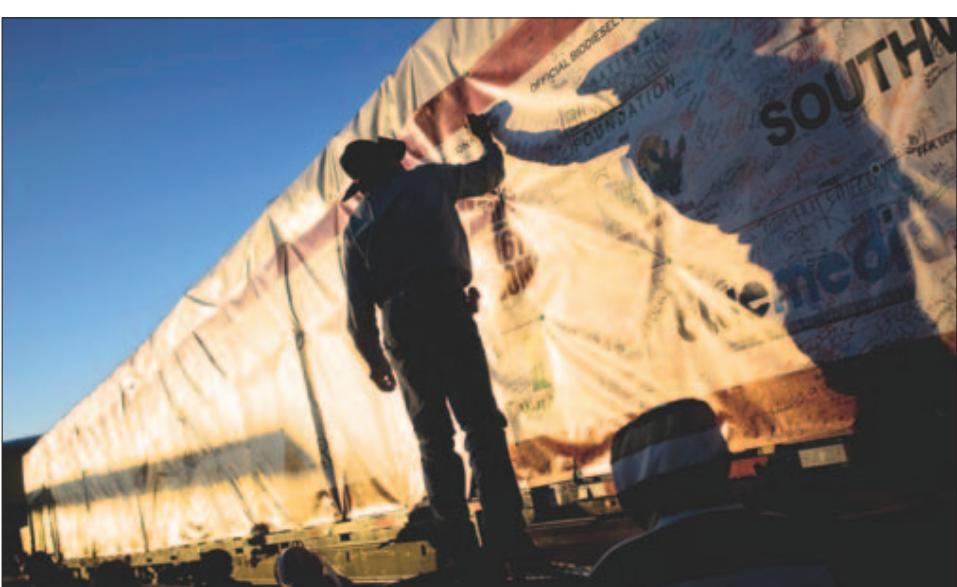
## Smokin' protest

**University of Kentucky law student Seth Thomas, who said he was not a regular smoker, smokes a pipe in the free speech area outside the Student Center on the university's campus in Lexington, Ky., in protest of the school's recent smoking ban.**



## Off limits

**Ricardo Moreno installs fencing along Interstate 80 in Parleys Canyon, Utah. Workers are building a 7-foot-6-inch fence to block animals from both sides of the busiest crossing in a roughly three-mile stretch.**



## Singing tidings of good cheer

**Herman Lynch of Oak Springs, Ariz., stands on a fence to sign his name on the side of a truck carrying an 85-foot blue spruce at the Window Rock, Ariz., rodeo grounds. The tree is about a third of the way through a 26-stop tour of Arizona before heading to Washington to serve as the nation's Capitol Christmas tree.**

## Window-washer tumbles 8 stories, breaks finger

**WA** SEATTLE — A window-washer fell eight stories outside a downtown Seattle building but suffered only a broken finger and some bruising and soreness.

Eduardo L. Castillo, 34, appeared to be in good shape and was talking as he was being loaded into an ambulance shortly after the 11:20 a.m. fall, said Mike O'Donin, manager of the Broadacre Building.

His most severe injury was a broken finger on his right hand, according to a Harborview Medical Center spokesman. He was expected to be released from the hospital soon.

## Pristine reserve to welcome teachers

**HI** HONOLULU — Managers of the nation's largest single conservation area are offering up to 12 teachers and community leaders an opportunity to spend a week in the pristine reserve north of Hawaii.

The Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument said in a statement that the traveling workshop is designed to get people involved in taking care of the environment.

The group is due to spend three days on Oahu next June learning about the archipelago northwest of the main Hawaiian islands. It's then scheduled to go to Midway Atoll, about 1,250 miles north of Honolulu, for seven days.

## Judge keeps Yellowstone grizzly on threatened list

**MT** BILLINGS — A judge said the government must keep Yellowstone-area grizzly bears on the list of threatened and endangered species, denying an attempt by federal officials to reverse an earlier court ruling.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service two years ago said grizzlies in and around Yellowstone National Park had recovered from near-extinction and no longer needed protections under the Endangered Species Act.

## Innocence initiative for non-DNA cases begins

**OH** COLUMBUS — Ohio's top public defender is taking on a rare challenge: accepting cases of convicted criminals who say they're innocent but don't have the DNA to prove it.

The Ohio Public Defender's Wrongful Conviction Project is one of just a handful of innocence groups nationally devoted full time to non-DNA cases.

The project will review claims of inmates who say they didn't do it and who were convicted on such evidence as bite marks, alleged arson and eyewitness testimony.

## Drug-testing kits offered for parents by sheriff

**NY** RIVERHEAD — A New York sheriff is using money seized from drug dealers to buy drug-testing kits that he will distribute free to parents.

Suffolk County Sheriff Vincent DeMarco said he is providing the free drug test kits to help parents and guardians monitor their

children.

The kits cost about \$1 and test for six different drugs, from marijuana to opiates to cocaine. He said 16,000 will eventually be distributed.

DeMarco said the test kits give parents a tool to engage in conversations with their children about drug use.

The kits are available at the Suffolk County jail, and plans are in the works to also distribute them at schools and at the offices of local elected officials.

## Obese man dies after 8 months in home recliner

**SC** COLUMBIA — Authorities said a severely overweight South Carolina man stayed in his recliner without moving for eight months until shortly before his death.

Firefighters had to cut Tillmon Webb from the chair after his mother called paramedics because he was in pain. Greenwood County deputies said the 33-year-old weighed about 800 pounds when he died.

Webb's wife, Ada, said he died of a heart attack. She said the former preacher injured his knee in March and then stayed in his power recliner at home 70 miles west of Columbia. She said she cleaned the chair daily.

Webb's wife said he didn't want help because he was ready to go to heaven and see Jesus.

## Mining town elects a Muslim mayor

**WA** GRANITE FALLS — Granite Falls residents are suspicious of any newcomers, let alone a Muslim native of Pakistan who moved to this rugged, blue-collar mining town to open his own bar.

But Haroon Saleem, 54, has thrived, winning over the town with hard work and an easy smile. He has become so popular that, on Nov. 3, he won the mayor's job in a landslide, getting 61 percent of the more than 800 votes cast — a result that residents said would have been inconceivable not long ago.

## 5 indicted in scam targeting 4 states

**WV** CHARLESTON — A federal grand jury in West Virginia has linked five more people to an international scam that allegedly tricked government agencies in several states into paying at least \$3.3 million to bogus companies with names that sounded like legitimate firms.

The charges implicate Minnesota residents Michael M. "Mikie" Ochenge, 33; Robert M. "Robe" Otiso, 36; Paramena J. "Joseph" Shikanda, 35; Albert E. Gunga, 30; and Collins A. Masese, 20.

All were born in Kenya and live in or near Minneapolis, prosecutors said. All but Masese were in custody and scheduled to appear before a U.S. magistrate judge in Minneapolis.

They managed to scam \$1.2 million from Massachusetts, \$919,000 from West Virginia, \$869,000 from Kansas and \$301,000 from Ohio, the indictment says. The money had been intended for either Deloitte Consulting or Accenture Corp.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Horoscope

Venus, the love goddess, and Jupiter, the Big Daddy of the zodiac, square off. There will be some tension in personal and professional relationships. It's challenging to come up with agreements that are mutually beneficial. Wherever possible, take charge of your own happiness and depend strictly on your own abilities and resources.

Holiday Mathis



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(Nov. 23).** Love is the force that moves you to explore and take risks this year. What you attempt in December will work! Social fun is featured in February. May brings financial increase. Be a cautious, responsible steward of your money. Travel in July. You'll be promoted to a place of and respect in August. Virgines people adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** If you feel like you're under a great deal of pressure, remember: Life only sends

us the challenges we can handle. There is always a way through, and in today's case, it probably requires delegating or simply saying no.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The stress you might be feeling at the moment won't matter in the long run, so don't let it get to you more than is necessary. True, you have looming deadlines, but you're also pretty resourceful under pressure.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Check out your employment alternatives. This is a good idea if only that it convinces you of the worth of staying at your current job. So poke around.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** People will lay their grievances at your feet. It's as though you are wearing a sign that says, "Tell me your problems." Maybe it's because you are famous for your ability to listen without judgment. Accept the implied compliment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll

take a scary, exhilarating risk. You know your limits. Remind yourself of them, though, so you don't push yourself too far. Taking this chance is a big step for you, and you'll get support from places you weren't expecting.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes you're the ship, and sometimes you're the lighthouse. Right now you're the lighthouse, keeping someone else from crashing on the rocks during their dark and stormy night.

**Mathis**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** A decision must be made. You'll choose between two roads. Both are positive, but one — while being the higher, more difficult path — will lead to the sunniest patch.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't let

yourself be rushed by seemingly pressing circumstances. In reality, hurrying through won't get you there faster. Can you make haste slowly? Good things happen when you are methodical, organized and thorough.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The stars gift you with an intellectual boost. It only takes a small effort to increase your brainpower immensely. For instance, memorize a famous quote, part of a song or a joke.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Play is not the opposite of work — not if you're doing it right. Play is work. In today's case, it's the work you do to access your creativity, to access your physical strength and to build your relationships.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Everyone loves a pleasant surprise. You'll provide one for someone you like. You'll also be on the receiving end of one that likely comes from an unexpected source.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The people you live with will drive you nuts. You know they mean well, and that tomorrow you'll love them more than ever. If you need to lie low in the meantime, it's fine. They'll still be there.

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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program,

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## Frazz



## Garfield



## Baby Blues



## Jump Start



## Zits



## Red &amp; Rover



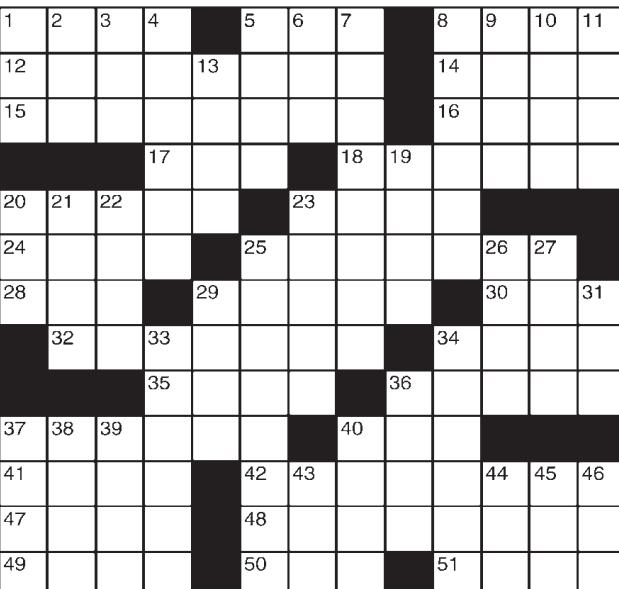
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## Better or Worse



## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## ACROSS

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18 Venue of perfection  
20 Batter's woe  
23 Despot  
24 Firetruck essential  
25 Coagulate  
28 Coloration  
29 Gold measure  
30 Swab the deck  
32 Intoxicated  
34 Location  
35 Panorama  
36 Playful water critter  
37 Capital of Mozambique  
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47 California wine valley  
48 City in the Bahamas  
49 Spud's buds  
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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF AN ANGLER CRIES "I'M ABOUT TO START FISHING IMMEDIATELY!", COULD THAT BE A CASTING CALL?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals O

# Boyfriend's kids are too difficult

**Dear Abby:** I have been dating "Charlie" for almost a year. We both have children from previous relationships. He has recently been talking about marriage, but as much as I care for him, I am reluctant.

When my daughter, "Mia," was in kindergarten, she was diagnosed with ADHD. I went through some rough times. Mia is now 13 and finally starting to overcome her ADHD issues.

The problem is Charlie's daughter (age 8) has ADHD far worse than Mia's was, and his other daughter (age 6) has an eating disorder.

Charlie does take the advice I offer and has tried to change his disciplinary habits, but only when I say something.

I would like to stay with him, but — and this is going to sound awful — I don't want to raise his high-maintenance kids. I feel I

have served my time as a parent to a child with special needs. Caring for his changes all the rules I have established for my own children.

— Burned-out Mom in Texas

**Dear Burned Out:** Your signature says it all. You and Charlie have a wonderful relationship right now. You can enjoy him and help him out when he needs it, and you're still free to absent yourself when his girls become too much for you.

Marriage is a package deal. If you combine households feeling the way you do, it would be unfair to yourself, to Charlie and all four of the children. I advise against it.

**Dear Abby:** Our 24-year-old daughter, "Tiffany," still lives at home. When she was out of work for six months, we paid all her bills.

She has become very disre-

**Dear Abby**



spectful to me and my husband. The atmosphere in our home has become so toxic that we asked her to move out. When we told her, she threatened us by saying if we make her move we'll never see her again.

I am overwhelmed with the feeling that I have done something to make her behave this way and I desperately need advice on how to proceed.

— Helpless in Maryland

**Dear Helpless:** Is Tiffany on drugs? Does she have emotional problems that have prompted her personality change? If the answer is yes, she needs professional help and should be allowed to stay only if she agrees to it. If the answer is no, then your "mistake" may have been in being so lenient and generous that your daughter may feel it's her right to stay on her own terms indefinitely.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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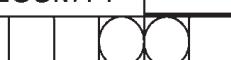


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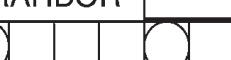
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Answer:



(Answers tomorrow)

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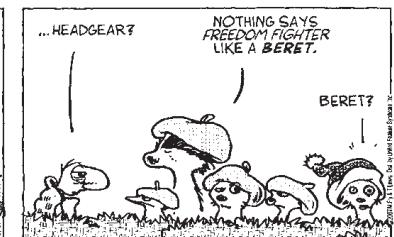
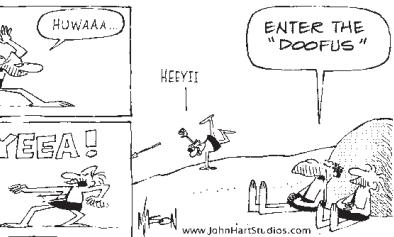
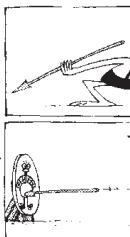
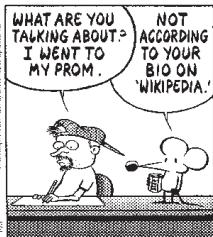
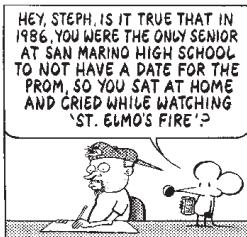
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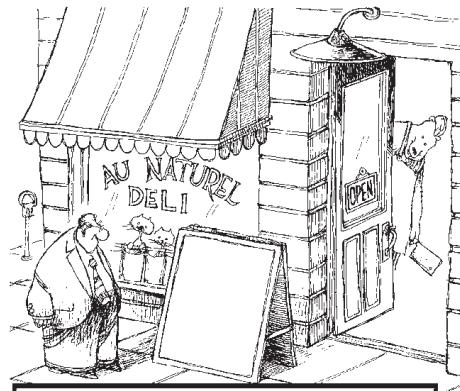


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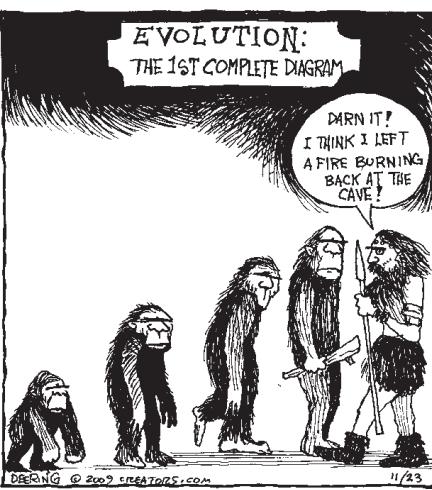


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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	Washington Week	(2:30) Movie "Underdog"	(2:45) Movie "Tears of the Sun" (2003, Action) Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci, Cole Hauser.	Geraldo at Large	Man vs. Wild "Ring of Fire" (Part 1 of 2)	Recon Revisited	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	House Call	(2007) Voices of Jason Lee			The American Veteran				
16:00	Entertainers	Kratts' Creatures		Huckabee	Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod	Fit For Duty	Heroes "Powerless"	SportsCenter	
16:30						Battleground			
17:00	In Touch-Dr	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "To Die For" (1995) Nicole Kidman. A woman will stop at nothing to achieve television stardom.	FOX Report	Survivor: Samoa "The Day of Reckoning"	Week-Pentagon	King of the Hill		Sports
17:30	T.D. Jakes	The Fairly OddParents				Army Newswatch	That '70s Show		
18:00	Love Worth Finding	America's Funniest Home Videos		Newsroom	The Chris Matthews Show	The Grill Sergeants	The National Parks: America's Best Idea		
18:30	Crossing the Goal				ESPN	USARJ This Week			
19:00	Austin City Limits	So You Think You Can Dance	Movie "Windtalkers" (2002, War) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach. A Marine protects a Navajo code transmitter in World War II.	Glenn Beck	20/20	Recon	Supernanny "Manley Family"		
19:30						FNG Useful benefits.			
20:00	MotorWeek	The Secret Life of the American Teenager		CNN Sunday	In Plain Sight "Jaibait"	Today's Air Force	Criminal Minds "Normal"		
20:30	At the Movies					Fit For Duty			
21:00	Digging for the Truth "Lost Treasures of Petra"	Greek "Let's Make a Deal"		Frontline	Gossip Girl "The Dark Night"	Battleground	Mad Men "The Jet Set"		
21:30						Recon Revisited			
22:00	Carrier Escort	ship loses a man overboard.	Touched by an Angel "Voice of an Angel"	Today	Headline News	Week-Pentagon	Seinfeld		
22:30					Saturday Night Live	The Grill Sergeants	Friends		
23:00	Man vs. Wild "Ring of Fire" (Part 1 of 2)	7th Heaven "Regarding Eric"				Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars	Outside the Lines	Sports
23:30						Around the Services		Sports Reporters	

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009

00:00	Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod	To Be Announced	(11:55) Movie "Geronimo: An American Legend" (1993, Historical Drama) Wes Studi, Jason Patric, Robert Duvall.	CBS News Sunday Morning	Comics Unleashed	Around the Services	(11:00) Dancing With the Stars	Sports	(11:00) Sports
00:30					Face the Nation	Two and a Half Men	Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars	
1:00	Survivor: Samoa "The Day of Reckoning"	The Secret Life of the American Teenager		This Week With George Stephanopoulos	NCIS "Corporal Punishment"				
1:30					Meet the Press	Life "Let Her Go"	Fit For Duty		
2:00	Sports	Greek "Let's Make a Deal"	(05) Movie "Windtalkers" (2002, War) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A Marine protects a Navajo code transmitter in World War II.			The Benning Report	24 "Day 6: 4:00AM - 5:00AM" Protecting the country.		
2:30						The Grill Sergeants			
3:00				America's News HQ	20/20	VA News	Dexter "Let's Give the Boy a Hand" Body parts.	Sports	
3:30						This Week in the Pentagon			
4:00				Amanpour.	In Plain Sight "Jaibait"	Balad and Beyond	NUMB3RS "Killer Chat"	Sports	
4:30						FNG Useful benefits.			
5:00				Your Money	Gossip Girl "The Dark Night"	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		
5:30						Today's Air Force	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad		
6:00	Sports	Sesame Street	(:35) Movie "Bur My Heart at Wounded Knee!" (2007) Aidan Quinn, Adam Beach. U.S. policies and policy breaches victimize western Indians.	America's News HQ	Good Morning America	Recon	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		
6:30						The American Veteran	Paula's Home Cooking		
7:00				Entertainers	Fareed Zakaria GPS	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	ER "No Place to Hide"	Sports	
7:30						Sesame Street	Army Newswatch		
8:00							The Daily 10		
8:30									
9:00	Sports	Johnny and the Sprites	Movie "One True Thing" (1998) Meryl Streep, Renée Zellweger. A magazine writer returns home to care for her ill mother.		FOX Report	The View	Desperate Housewives "You're Gonna Love Tomorrow"		
9:30							Grey's Anatomy "Freedom" (Part 1 of 2)	(:15) Sports	
10:00		Hi-5 Learning.			Hannity	Fit For Duty			
10:30		Peep-Big World				Judge Judy			
11:00		Super Why!				FNG Useful benefits.			
11:30						Judge Alex			
12:00	Sports	Dora the Explorer	Movie "Pocahontas" (1995, Fantasy) Voices of Irene Bedard, Judy Kuhn, Mel Gibson.		Newsroom	Access Hollywood	This Week in the Pentagon		
12:30						The King of Queens	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Chaos Theory"		
13:00		This Week			Huckabee	The Young and the Restless	Challenge	Sports	
13:30		Raggs				EXchange on Air			
14:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie "The Juror" (1996, Suspense) Demi Moore, Alec Baldwin, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.		Larry King Live	Briefing Encore	Emeril Live		
14:30						Downrange			
15:00	Wall Street Journal Report	Funnies Home Videos	(:15) Movie "Biloxi Blues" (1988, Comedy) Matthew Broderick, Christopher Walken. A Brooklyn writer goes to boot camp.		60 Minutes	Days of our Lives	FNG Useful benefits.		
15:30	ESPN	Planet's Funnies Animals				Designers' Challenge			
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon			Oprah Winfrey	Recon	The Soup	SportsCenter	
16:30		(40) Zatch Bell				Fit For Duty	MythBusters Testing ninja myths.		
17:00	The View	(:05) The Fairly OddParents				Battleground			
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles				Wheel of Fortune	King of the Hill	Sports	
18:00	Dr. Phil					Up to the Minute	Jopardy!		
18:30		SpongeBob SquarePants					This Week in the Pentagon	That '70s Show (Part 1 of 3)	
19:00		Hannah Montana					VA News	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	
19:30		The Dr. Oz Show						The Colbert Report	
20:00		Unfabulous							
20:30		Suite Life of Zack & Cody				60 Minutes	2009 American Music Awards	The Amazing Race 15	
21:00		Access Hollywood					Fans votes determine which musical acts are honored at the annual ceremony.	EXchange on Air	
21:30		Smallville "Action"						Army Newswatch	
22:00		The King of Queens						Briefing Encore	
22:30		The Young and the Restless						Fit For Duty	
23:00		Beverly Hills, 90210 "Windstruck"						Battleground	
23:30		Degrassi: Next Generation						Recon	
		Strange Days-Blake Holey						Recon Revisited	
		7th Heaven "Gabrielle Come Blow Your Horn"							
		(:20) The Godfather, Part III							

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Unfabulous	(11:20) Movie "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton. Mob infighting leads the Corleones into a bloody gang war.	Newsroom	Tonight Show- Conan O'Brien	Today's Air Force	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	Sports
00:30		Suite Life of Zack & Cody				Late Show With David Letterman	Downrange		
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Smallville "Action"					The American Veteran	Criminal Minds "Doubt"	
1:30	Jeopardy!						The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Windstruck"						The Grill Sergeants	
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Judge Judy	Around the Services	NCIS "Grace Period"	
3:00	2009 American Music Awards		(40) Movie "Knocked Up" (2007) Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl, Paul Rudd. A one-night stand has an unforeseen consequence.						
3:30	Fans votes determine which musical acts are honored at the annual ceremony.					Oprah Winfrey	Downrange		
4:00							All Hands TV	October Road "We Lived Like Giants"	
4:30									
5:00									
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## NHL roundup

# Hat trick lifts Sharks over Flyers

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Dany Heatley thought he could have scored a few more goals, but he wasn't about to complain. He was having too much fun.

Heatley scored three times, Joe Thornton recorded his 600th NHL assist, and the San Jose Sharks beat the Philadelphia Flyers 6-3 on Friday night.

"When you have a chance to play with guys on a line like that it's just fun," Heatley said. "Those guys open up a lot of room."

Manny Malhotra, Ryane Clowe and Patrick Marleau also scored for the Sharks.

Claude Giroux scored twice and Danny Briere added a goal for the Flyers.

**Canadiens 3, Capitals 2:** At Washington, Travis Moen and Tomas Plekanec scored in a three-minute span early in the second period, Michael Cammalleri added a goal in the third and Montreal withstood a furious comeback to beat Washington.

Montreal led 3-1, but Brendan Morrison scored with 2:32 remaining to pull Washington within a goal. Then Maxim Lapierre was whistled for hooking with 1:52 to play, giving the Capitals a power play through the end of regulation.

**Panthers 2, Red Wings 1 (OT):** At Detroit, Bryan McCabe's goal 40 seconds into overtime lifted Florida over Detroit.

Stephen Weiss scored Florida's other goal and added an assist. Nathan Horton had two assists and Scott Clemmensen stopped 39 shots.

**Bruins 2, Sabres 1 (OT):** At Buffalo, N.Y., Patrice Bergeron scored 47 seconds into overtime, lifting Boston past Buffalo. Bergeron won a face-off and then was in the slot to tip in a shot by Zdeno Chara.

Buffalo outshot Boston 15-6 in the third period and had several good chances to take a lead against goalie Tuukka Rask, who made his third straight start and stopped 25 shots.

**Wild 3, Islanders 2:** At St. Paul, Minn., Owen Nolan's goal with 67 seconds remaining, his second of the game, sent struggling Minnesota over the New York Islanders.

The 37-year-old Nolan had been dragged down in front of Islanders goalie Martin Biron on an earlier sequence and had just climbed back to his feet when the puck came his way from Eric Belanger.

**Canucks 5, Avalanche 2:** At Vancouver, British Columbia, Christian Ehrhoff's second goal got Vancouver even in the third period, and Henrik Sedin then netted the go-ahead tally as the Canucks rallied to beat Colorado.

Steve Bernier added a goal — on a pretty slap pass from Ehrhoff — just as the first penalty in a brief 5-on-3 advantage ended with 8:21 left. Mikael Samuelsson scored on a skipping shot from the point less than 2 minutes later.



GEORGE NIKITIN/AP

**San Jose's Dany Heatley, second from left, celebrates with teammates Patrick Marleau (12), Dan Boyle and Kent Huskins (40) after scoring his third goal of the game Friday against Philadelphia.**

## NHL scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	20	14	5	1	29	55
Pittsburgh	22	14	8	0	28	68
Philadelphia	19	12	6	1	25	68
N.Y. Rangers	21	11	9	1	23	63
N.Y. Islanders	22	8	7	3	23	67

Northeast Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	19	12	5	2	26	51
Boston	22	10	8	4	24	53
Ottawa	19	10	6	3	23	57
Montreal	22	11	11	0	22	58
Toronto	20	3	11	6	12	52

Southeast Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	22	13	5	4	30	81
Tampa Bay	19	8	4	7	23	51
Atlanta	18	10	6	2	22	66
Florida	20	9	9	2	20	57
Carolina	21	4	12	5	13	50

### Western Conference

Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	20	13	5	2	28	64
Columbus	20	12	6	2	26	62
Detroit	20	10	6	4	24	64
Nashville	20	11	8	1	23	46
St. Louis	19	7	8	4	18	49

Northwest Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	23	13	7	3	29	69
Calgary	20	12	5	2	26	62
Vancouver	22	12	10	0	24	67
Edmonton	22	9	10	3	21	66
Minnesota	22	8	12	2	18	54

Pacific Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	24	15	5	4	34	82
Los Angeles	23	13	8	2	28	71
Phoenix	22	12	9	1	25	56
Dallas	21	9	6	6	24	63
Anaheim	20	7	10	3	17	58

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

#### Thursday's games

Boston 4, Atlanta 3, SO

Carolina 6, Toronto 5, SO

Ottawa 6, Pittsburgh 2

Nashville 3, New Jersey 2, SO

St. Louis 3, Phoenix 2, OT

Columbus 4, Dallas 1

Chicago 7, Calgary 1

Anaheim 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT

#### Friday's games

San Jose 6, Philadelphia 3

Montreal 3, Washington 2

Boston 2, Buffalo 1, OT

Florida 2, Detroit 1, OT

Minnesota 3, N.Y. Islanders 2

Vancouver 5, Colorado 2

#### Saturday's games

Calgary at Los Angeles

Detroit at Montreal

Buffalo at Ottawa

Washington at Toronto

Tampa Bay at Carolina

Pittsburgh at Atlanta

Florida at N.Y. Rangers

New Jersey at Dallas

N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis

Philadelphia at Phoenix

Columbus at Nashville

Chicago at Edmonton

San Jose at Anaheim

#### Sunday's games

Tampa Bay at Atlanta

Chicago at Vancouver

#### Friday

### Sharks 6, Flyers 3

Philadelphia 1 1 1-3

San Jose 1 2 3-6

**First Period**—1, Philadelphia, Briere 8 (Carle, Giroux); 9:16, 2, San Jose, Malhotra 4 (Briere, Clowe); 15:11 (pp), Thornton, 15:17 (pp).

**Second Period**—3, San Jose, Heatley 15 (Thornton); .50, 4, Philadelphia, Giroux 2 (van Riemsdyk, Bartulis); 11:24, 5, San Jose, Marleau 16 (Belanger, Thornton); 19:55.

**Third Period**—6, San Jose, Heatley 16 (Thornton, Joslin); 8:41 (sh), 7, Philadelphia, Giroux 3 (Pronger, Richards); 9:32, 8, San Jose, Heatley 17 (Thornton, Huskies); 12:44 (pp), 9, San Jose, Clowe 3 (Malhotra, Pavelski); 15:22.

**Shots on Goal**—Philadelphia 8-11-10-29.

**Power-play opportunities**—Philadelphia 0 of 3; San Jose 2 of 5.

**Goals**—Philadelphia, Emery 11-5-1 (29 shots-22 saves). San Jose, Nabokov 13-3-4 (29-26). A—17,562 (17,496). T—2:29.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	4	.692	—
Toronto	6	7	.462	3
Philadelphia	5	7	.417	3½
New York	3	9	.250	5½
New Jersey	0	13	.000	9

**Southeast Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	11	2	.846	—
Orlando	10	3	.769	1
Miami	7	5	.583	3½
Washington	3	8	.273	7
Charlotte	3	9	.250	7½

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	7	3	.700	½
Cleveland	9	4	.692	—
Chicago	6	5	.545	2
Indiana	5	6	.500	2½
Detroit	5	7	.417	3½

**Western Conference****Southwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	10	3	.769	—
Houston	7	6	.538	3
San Antonio	4	6	.400	4½
New Orleans	5	8	.385	5½
Memphis	4	8	.333	5½

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	8	4	.667	—
Portland	9	5	.643	—
Oklahoma City	7	6	.538	1½
Utah	6	6	.500	2
Minnesota	1	11	.083	7

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	10	3	.769	—
L.A. Lakers	9	3	.750	½
Sacramento	5	6	.455	4
L.A. Clippers	5	9	.357	5½
Golden State	4	8	.333	5½

**Thursday's games**

New Orleans 110, Phoenix 103

Utah 90, San Antonio 83

L.A. Lakers 108, Chicago 93

**Friday's games**

Toronto 120, Miami 113

Cleveland 105, Indiana 95

Memphis 102, Philadelphia 97

Atlanta 105, Houston 103

Orlando 83, Boston 78

Oklahoma City 127, Washington 108

Milwaukee 95, Charlotte 88

Dallas 104, Sacramento 102

L.A. Clippers 106, Denver 99

Golden State 108, Portland 94

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New York 98, New Jersey 91

Philadelphia at Cleveland

Milwaukee at Memphis

Atlanta at New Orleans

Sacramento at Houston

Washington at San Antonio

Chicago at Denver

Detroit at Utah

Minnesota at Portland

**Sunday's games**

Orlando at Toronto

Boston at New York

Indiana at Charlotte

New Orleans at Miami

Detroit at Phoenix

L.A. Lakers at L.A. Lakers

**Monday's games**

Sacramento at Memphis

Milwaukee at San Antonio

Chicago at Portland

Minnesota at L.A. Clippers

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**INDIANA** — Jones 7-13 3-4 17, Granger 7-21 3-19, Hibbert 2-4 0-0 4, Ford 6-9 2-2 4, Rush 6-10 3-5 16, S. Jones 2-5 0-0 4, Hamsrch 3-9 1-2 7, Watson 0-2 0-0 0, Murphy 4-7 3-4 12, Head 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 38-81 15-21 95.

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**Boston's Brian Scalabrine (44) reaches for a loose ball in front of Orlando's Dwight Howard (12) during Friday's game in Boston.**

**Raptors 120, Heat 113**

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## Sports briefs

# ATP can't reopen Agassi drug case

The Associated Press

LONDON — The ATP Tour will not reopen a doping case against Andre Agassi even though he admitted to lying about using crystal meth in 1997.

Agassi disclosed in his recent autobiography that he failed a 1997 drug test, a result he says was thrown out after he lied by claiming he unwittingly took crystal meth.

ATP chairman Adam Helfant said Friday that there was no way to sanction the American retroactively because he has retired from tennis.

"There has been a lot of speculation about whether the ATP would reopen the case, but we cannot do that because he's no longer playing on the tour," Helfant said. "I asked an outside law firm to go through the records from 1997 so I had all the facts. Andre Agassi has admitted he failed a drug test in 1997 and regrettably he then lied about it. Even more regrettably he got away with it."

### White Sox, Vizquel close to deal, source says

CHICAGO — The Chicago White Sox are closing in on a contract agreement with free agent shortstop Omar Vizquel.

The deal could be announced Monday, according to a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the team has not commented.

Vizquel, who will be 43 in April, has played 21 major league seasons. Last year he was in a utility role with the Texas Rangers, playing shortstop, third base and second base, appearing in 62 games and batting .266.

In other baseball news:

■ Major League Baseball has the perfect gift to bust a budget in a recession: A 20-DVD set of World Series films for \$2,299, and it contains authenticated autographs of 12 Hall of Famers, including Yogi Berra, Bob Gibson, Reggie Jackson and Mike Schmidt. A limited edition of 100 sets was put together by Major League Baseball Productions, A&E Home Entertainment and Mounted Memories.

There are 65 films from 1943-08 that run for more than 50 hours. The package also has autographs from Johnny Bench, Gary Carter, Bob Feller, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Brooks Robinson and Bruce Sutter. The set is also available without the autographs for \$179.99 on MLB.com and in stores with a suggested retail price of \$229.

■ The Nationals said No. 1 draft pick Stephen Strasburg has a dislocation in his left knee joint and should be ready for spring training. The Nationals say Strasburg will not require surgery, and that treatment will include rest and physical therapy.

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**Third-round leader Lee Westwood follows the flight of his shot from the second tee during Saturday's play in the Dubai World Championship.**

on Saturday, raising the possibility that the season-ending tournament will be shortened to 54 holes or not completed until next week. The continuation of the second round was bumped back to Saturday afternoon. Rain delayed play for 6 hours Friday. Leader Lorena Ochoa, who shot 6-under 66 on Thursday, didn't play Friday. Sophie Gustafson was two shots back.

### WNBA looking for new owners after Sacramento Monarchs fold

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The owner of the Sacramento Kings will no longer operate the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs.

League president Donna Orender said in a statement Friday that the WNBA was in discussions with potential investors to relocate the Monarchs to the Bay Area in time for next season.

Orender said in the statement that Monarchs owner Maloof Sports & Entertainment had decided to focus its resources on the NBA's Sacramento Kings.

The Monarchs are one of the league's original eight teams, winning the league championship in 2005.

### Death of Brees' mother is ruled a suicide

GRANBY, Colo. — The death of the mother of New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees was ruled a suicide.

Mina Brees, 59, an attorney from Austin, Texas, died Aug. 7 while visiting Colorado. Grand County coroner Brenda Bock concluded this week that she died of a prescription drug overdose and ruled the death a suicide.

Bock said Brees died while staying at the home of a friend in Granby near Rocky Mountain National Park.

Relations between Drew Brees and his mother were strained at times and the quarterback asked her to stop using his picture in TV commercials touting her candidacy for a Texas appeals court seat in 2006.

At the time, Drew Brees called his relationship with his mother "nonexistent," saying it crumbled six years earlier when he refused to hire her as his agent.

In other NFL news:

■ Green Bay Packers tight end Spencer Havner was fined \$5,000 for a late hit out of bounds during last week's 17-7 victory over the Dallas Cowboys. Havner was flagged for a 15-yard penalty with 11:21 left in the first half for shoving a player in the Cowboys' bench area.

# Rice: 'They're giving me opportunities'

### RICE, FROM BACK PAGE

Rice said. "Now I'm getting opportunities to make plays, and it's opened the coaches' eyes and they're giving me more opportunities. I'm just fortunate."

The chance to play with Favre, the three-time NFL MVP and career leading passer, was luck. Rice's development, though, stems from plenty of hard work during the offseason. He strengthened the right knee that bothered him so much last year. He ratcheted up the intensity of his training, spending several days at sessions organized in Minneapolis by Arizona Cardinals All-Pro Larry Fitzgerald and attended by some of the game's greats, including Cris Carter and the standard-setter himself, Jerry Rice, who is not related.

"Working with those guys showed me the light," Sidney Rice said.

He has also joined several Vikings teammates in extra drills after practice — running hills and catching passes in various distracting situations — that they've credited for some of his success.

"The past couple of years, all the talk's been about the receivers and how we weren't able to produce and things like that: 'We don't have any receivers,'" Rice said. "We just took it upon ourselves to do the extra work and get better as receivers and make this a more balanced team."

Favre wore a microphone last week while Rice was racking up all those yards against the Detroit Lions, providing plenty of praise on a highlight package posted on the team's Web site. Favre is shown on the video reminding anyone next to him, including Rice at one point, how good he thinks this lanky guy with the long dreads looks is.

"Run a go!" Favre told offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell as they looked at overhead photos of defensive alignments Detroit had used the last few plays. "They can't cover Sidney! How do you want to cover him? Off? Bump? Who cares?"

Later, Favre expressed the same sentiment to coach Brad Childress. "Well, you've always told me that," Childress replied.

"Right. Now you're starting to believe me," Favre fired back.

The Vikings (8-1) have six players with 20 or more catches this season, but Rice has the most by far with 44. Favre's skill at spreading the ball around and the control-based West Coast system he has played in for so long in Green Bay and now Minnesota have limited the amount of favorite receivers he's had over 19 seasons. Sterling Sharpe, Antonio Freeman and Donald Driver probably qualify, and Rice has at least obtained a one-year membership.

Rice isn't as fast as Randy Moss, but the success rate of Favre's downfield flings to Rice has begun to remind Vikings fans of the way they used to sit up straight on the couch or leap out of their seats every time a deep ball went Moss' way.

"It seems like each game he's getting better and better," left tackle Bryant McKinnie said. "Some of those catches are definitely Randy Moss-esque."

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Orange leave Carolina feeling blue

By JIM O'CONNELL  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Jim Boeheim has always made a point of telling the media not to get too caught up in runs because basketball, especially on the college level, is a game of runs.

He could only smile when asked about Syracuse's 22-1 run to open the second half of an 87-71 victory over No. 6 North Carolina on Friday night in the championship game of the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament.

"That's about as good as it gets," he said, "and it was against North Carolina and it was here."

The Orange (4-0) were the only unranked team in the semifinals of the tournament, but left Madison Square Garden with blowout victories over No. 13 California and the Tar Heels (4-1).

North Carolina had a 39-37 halftime lead but that was gone in a hurry as Brandon Triche and Arinze Onuaku had field goals in the first 40 seconds after in-

termission. By the time the run ended 8 minutes into the second half, Syracuse had a 59-40 lead.

"We had to get rebounds and get out and push and they wanted me and Arinze to be more aggressive," Triche said of the start to the second half. "We definitely responded and Wes played a tremendous game."

Tournament MVP Wesley Johnson had 25 points for the Orange, who beat California 95-73 in the semifinals. Onuaku finished with 15 points and Triche had 11.

Johnson, a 6-foot-7 junior transfer from Iowa State, was 10 of 17 from the field, including 4 of 8 three-point attempts, and had eight rebounds.

He proudly wore an orange T-shirt that read "Shut It Down."

"It's all about energy," he said. "We let up at the end of the first half. 'Shut It Down,' that's the motto. We knew they would make a run and we had to counteract it, and we did."

Ed Davis had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Marcus Ginyard

added 15 points for the Tar Heels, who lost almost all of a 19-point second-half lead before beating No. 15 Ohio State 77-73 to reach the title game.

North Carolina missed its first 13 shots of the second half and turned the ball over six times. The Orange, meanwhile, just didn't miss. Syracuse started the half by making 10 of its first 14 shots and the baskets were coming down low from Onuaku and from the perimeter, including a three by Johnson that made it 57-40.

"Two air balls on our first two shots and then two turnovers. Our first four possessions of the second half we don't even hit the rim," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "We didn't have an answer for guarding Wes and it was the snowball effect from there. It's frustrating, no question about that. We've got to play better — and they're good."

The Tar Heels closed to 68-60 on a three by David Wear with 7:04 left, but Onuaku had the first and last baskets of a 6-0 run that

ended any thoughts of a comeback for the ages.

"We made two really good plays right in a row and got it right back up because they're going to keep coming at you," said Boeheim, who earlier this month became the eighth major-college coach to reach 800 victories.

Syracuse lost 82-79 to Division II LeMoyne in an exhibition game earlier this month. The Orange fell off the national radar after that and were even an afterthought when the best teams in the Big East were listed. Not anymore.

"I'd hate to play that non-Division I team that beat them," Williams said.

## No. 15 Ohio St. 76, No. 13

**California 70:** Evan Turner had 26 points and 14 rebounds, his fourth double-double in four games, for Ohio State in the third-place game. Jon Diebler added 14 points for Ohio State (3-1), and Dallas Lauderdale had eight points and seven blocked shots.

Jerome Randle had 26 for Cal.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

**Syracuse's Brandon Triche (25) goes up and over North Carolina's Tyler Zeller for a basket in the second half Friday night.**

## College basketball roundup

# Kentucky bids for coach's good graces with rout of Rider

The Associated Press

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** — Freshman John Wall had 21 points and 11 assists as No. 4 Kentucky dominated Rider 92-63 on Saturday in the Cancun Challenge.

Patrick Patterson added 19 points and a career-high 18 rebounds for the Wildcats (4-0). The team hardly looked like the one coach John Calipari called the "worst" defensive team he's seen in 20 years after close victories over Miami (Ohio) and Sam Houston earlier in the week.

Kentucky held Rider (2-2) to 31 percent shooting, blocked 10 shots and forced the Broncs into 20 turnovers.

Ryan Thompson led Rider with 16 points, but the Broncs couldn't find the shooting stroke that helped them win at Mississippi State last week. Rider made just 4 of 17 three-pointers and was never really in it after Wall took over midway through the first half.

**No. 19 Georgetown 63, Savannah St. 44:** Jason Clark scored 14 points and four Hoyas

were in double figures as Georgetown rolled past overmatched Savannah State. Greg Monroe added 13 points for Georgetown (3-0), Austin Freeman had 12 and Chris Wright 11 in a game that gave the Hoyas a much-needed breather after they squeaked past Temple 46-45 on Tuesday.

Darius Baugh scored 10 points to lead Savannah State (2-2), which hit only 13 of 48 field-goal attempts.

In Friday games:

## No. 2 Michigan St. 75, Toledo

**62:** Draymond Green scored 15 points as Michigan State (3-0) won its 42nd straight at home against a nonconference opponent. Stephen Albrecht scored 20 points for Toledo (0-3).

Tom Izzo, in his 15th season at Michigan State, won his 339th game, one off Jud Heathcote's school record.

## No. 5 Villanova 71, No. 18

**Dayton 65:** Corey Fisher scored 18 points to help Villanova (4-0) beat Dayton (2-1) in the second round of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off.

**No. 7 Purdue 74, South Dakota St. 63:** E'Twaun Moore

scored 22 points as Purdue (2-0) prevailed in the first round of the Paradise Jam at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

## No. 10 Tennessee 105, East

**Carolina 66:** Scotty Hopson scored 25 points as Tennessee (3-0) romped in a Paradise Jam opener. Hopson was 10 of 15 from the floor, including 4 of 5 from three-point range.

## No. 14 Washington 80, San

**Jose St. 70:** Quincy Pondexter set a career high for the second consecutive game with 30 points, including 13 in a row to begin the second half, and had 15 rebounds for Washington (4-0).

## No. 15 Michigan 77, Hous-

**Baptist 55:** Manny Harris scored 25 points and DeShawn Sims 22 for Michigan (2-0). Harris and Sims each had 12 points during a decisive 29-13 run at the end of the first half.

## No. 21 Georgia Tech 70,

**George Mason 62:** Gani Lawal had 18 points and 14 rebounds for Georgia Tech in a Puerto Rico Tip-Off consolation game.

**No. 22 Clemson 89, UNC**

**Greensboro 67:** Trevor Booker

scored 17 points and Milton Jennings 14 for visiting Clemson (3-0). Brandon Evans scored 17 for UNC Greensboro (0-3).

## No. 25 Maryland 82, New

**Hampshire 55:** Landon Milbourne scored 24 points, Sean Mosley had 13 points and 10 assists and Eric Hayes scored 15 for Maryland (3-0). Colbey San-

tos led the Wildcats (1-1) with 14 points.

## Air Force 95, Dickinson State

**77:** Evan Washington and Grant Parker combined for 33 points on 12-of-12 shooting to lead Air Force in the first round of the Reggie Minton Classic. The tournament is named for the former Air Force coach.



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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL: AP TOP 25

**No. 2 Alabama 45, Chattanooga 0:** At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Mark Ingram ran for 102 yards and two long touchdowns in the first half for Alabama.

The Crimson Tide (11-0) raced to a 35-0 halftime lead and showed no signs of a letdown ahead of games with rival Auburn and No. 1 Florida.

That enabled many of the starters to take a break in the second half against the FCS Mocs (6-5), but Ingram and the Tide still managed to turn in a few highlight-reel plays.

Ingram raced for scores of 25 and 40 yards, and Javier Arenas set the SEC career record with his seventh punt return for a TD, sprinting 66 yards down the right sideline in the second quarter. Arenas also had an interception.

Julio Jones caught a 44-yard pass and scored on a 19-yarder from Greg McElroy.

Alabama held Chattanooga to fewer than 100 yards total offense.

**No. 9 Ohio St. 21, Michigan 10:** At Ann Arbor, Mich., quarterback Tate Forcier threw four interceptions and fumbled in his end zone, and Ohio State took advantage to beat Michigan for the sixth consecutive game.

The Buckeyes (10-2, 7-1) clinched an outright Big Ten championship and will play in the Rose Bowl with a five-game winning streak.

The Wolverines were 4-0 and ended 5-7. The flop came after a school-record nine-loss season in Rich Rodriguez's first year with college football's winningest program.

Michigan has endured consecutive losing seasons for the first time since 1962-63.

Forcier's first turnover came on his first drive, a fumble that Cameron Heyward recovered to give Ohio State a 7-0 lead.

The freshman threw three interceptions in the fourth quarter, ruining Michigan's chances to come back in a game it trailed 14-10 in the third.

Ohio State QB Terrelle Pryor wasn't spectacular, but he didn't make many mistakes and made a key throw after Michigan pulled within four points.

He perfectly lofted a screen pass to Dan Heron, whose 12-yard TD gave the Buckeyes a 21-10 lead.

That proved to be enough to beat Michigan, which played perhaps one of its best games of the season.

Rodriguez said earlier in the week the Wolverines would not be doomed if they were shut out of the bowl picture.

But he desperately needed the feel-good victory to take heat off him — especially with an NCAA investigation looming over his program.

Coach Jim Tressel extended Ohio State's longest winning streak in the suddenly lopsided series and matched the best run in the rivalry since Michigan won six in a row in the 1920s.

Pryor finished 9 of 17 for 67 yards with a TD and an interception, off a deflection. He also ran for 74 yards, and Herron had 96 yards rushing and that TD catch.

Forcier was 23 of 38 for 226 yards and a TD to Vincent Smith that made it 14-10 with 10:05 left in the third quarter. He had not thrown more than one interception in a game this season until throwing four against the Buckeyes.

Michigan's Roy Roundtree caught nine passes for 116 yards.

Ohio State's Kurt Coleman made two interceptions, the second coming after a video review at the Buckeyes 6 early in the fourth quarter.

Forcier threw his third interception on the ensuing drive, making an ill-advised pass that cornerback Devon Torrence caught in the end zone with 8 minutes left.

Perhaps fittingly, the Wolverines were flagged for having five players in the backfield on their final snap and the Buckeyes ran out the clock.

— The Associated Press

# Gators stroll through Swamp



PHIL SANDLIN/AP

**Florida quarterback Tim Tebow heads for the turf after being hit by Florida International's Jeremiah Weatherspoon during the first half of Saturday's game.**

## Tebow leads No. 1 Florida to 21st victory in a row

BY MARK LONG  
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Top-ranked Florida moved another step closer to perfection with a 62-3 rout of Florida International.

Tim Tebow accounted for three touchdowns and Brandon Spikes returned an interception for a score to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 21 games Saturday.

Florida improved to 11-0 for just the second time in school history and needs two victories — against Florida State and Alabama — to earn a shot at repeating as national champion.

Florida scored touchdowns on eight of 10 offensive possessions. The only scoreless drives came when Caleb Sturgis missed a 52-yard field-goal attempt in the first quarter and when Florida ran out the clock in the final seconds.

Spikes started the onslaught when he intercepted Paul McCall's pass and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown, his fourth interception return for a score in the past two years. It came one play after Florida was called for a roughing-the-kicker penalty against Carlos Munera, who injured his left ankle.

The defense didn't let up, sacking McCall twice and holding the Golden Panthers to 189 yards and 11 first downs.

Tebow, hoping to solidify a spot as a Heisman Trophy finalist, had one of his best games of the season. It came against a defense that had allowed nearly 500 yards a game.

Tebow completed 17 of 25 passes for 215 yards and two touchdowns and ran seven times for 102 yards and a score. His rushing touchdown — a 55-yard scramble on third-and-2 — was the longest run of his career.

It also was his 54th career touchdown, breaking the SEC record he shared with former LSU star Kevin Faulk.

Tebow had a 27-yard TD pass to Chris Rainey early in the second quarter that made it 21-0, then added an 18-yarder to roommate Riley Cooper on the opening drive of the third.

Rainey and Jeff Demps had rushing scores. Backup John Brantley had three TD passes, including a perfectly thrown 31-yarder to Frankie Hammond Jr. on fourth-and-11 with 2:28 remaining.

The Swamp started to empty early in the fourth, with Tebow standing on the sideline wearing a headset and many other starters done for the day.

**No. 15 Iowa 12, Minnesota 0:** At Iowa City, Iowa, freshman James Vandenberg threw for 117 yards as Iowa kept its hopes for a BCS bowl bid alive.

The Hawkeyes (10-2, 6-2 Big Ten) reached double-digit victories for the first time since 2004, and won Floyd of Rosedale — a bronze pig awarded to the winner of the border rivalry — for the eighth time in the past nine games.

It was fitting that they awarded a hog after this one. Iowa and Minnesota combined for more punts (17) than points, and were only 5 of 33 on third-down conversions.

Iowa got field goals of 30 and 45 yards from Daniel Murray and a 1-yard TD run from Brandon Wegher.

Its defense did the rest, stuffing the Golden Gophers on four successive plays from the 2-yard line early in the fourth quarter to blank Minnesota for the second season in a row.

Adam Weber was 14 of 40 for 153 yards for the Gophers (6-6, 3-5), who scored just seven points in road games against Penn State, Ohio State and Iowa.

**No. 21 Miami 34, Duke 16:** At Miami, Jacory Harris threw for 348 yards and two TDs, and Darryl Sharpton capped his final home game with a 73-yard interception return.

Damien Berry's 2-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter opened the floodgates for Miami (8-3, 5-3 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Leonard Hankerson had career bests of eight catches and 143 yards, including a 44-yard score, for the Hurricanes, who scored the final 24 points to keep hope alive for their first 10-victory season since 2003.

Thaddeus Lewis finished 20 of 37 for 303 yards for Duke (5-6, 3-4), taking over the school's career lead in passing yardage with 9,678.

Donovan Varner caught eight passes for a career-high 165 yards and a TD for the Blue Devils, who have lost 55 in a row away from home against ranked opponents, dating to October 1971.

**No. 24 Houston 55, Memphis 14:** At Houston, Case Keenum threw for 405 yards and five TDs in just more than two quarters as Houston romped.

Keenum set a school record for scoring passes with 94, surpassing David Klingler's 91.

He was replaced by backup Cotton Turner after an 18-yard pass to L.J. Castillo put Houston (9-2, 5-2 Conference USA) ahead 49-14 after its first drive in the third quarter.

It was an easy day for a team trying to get back on track after last week's surprising loss to Central Florida, leaving the Cougars in second place in the West division.

Memphis (2-9, 1-6) was led by Curtis Steele, who had 160 yards rushing and two TDs.

The scoring didn't stop after Keenum and most of the starters went to the bench. Turner completed his first eight passes and made it 55-14 on an 18-yard toss to Fendi Onobun with about 6 minutes left in the third quarter.

The Cougars missed the extra point.

### Clemson wins first ACC Atlantic crown

CLEMSON, S.C. — No. 18 Clemson clinched the ACC's Atlantic Division and its first trip to the conference's championship game with Boston College's 31-13 loss to North Carolina.

The Tigers' band was performing on the field about 20 minutes before kickoff for Clemson's game with Virginia on Saturday when the Boston College game ended.

The Eagles were the division's only team with a chance to surpass Clemson and advance to the ACC championship game.

Clemson will play Coastal Division winner Georgia Tech in Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 5.

— The Associated Press

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Martin leads No. 6 Boise St. in a blowout

BY DOUG ALDEN  
*The Associated Press*

LOGAN, Utah — Boise State isn't making BCS plans just yet.

While the sixth-ranked Broncos remained unbeaten with a 52-21 rout of Utah State on Friday night, they still have two more games left — including against the only other team in the Western Athletic Conference that has a shot at the league title.

The Broncos are back at home next week against Nevada, which was on a seven-game winning streak entering Saturday night's game at New Mexico State.

"We've got a big one coming up. That's for sure," said Kellen Moore, who passed for 233 yards and a touchdown against the Aggies.

Moore had thrown for at least three touchdowns in six straight games, but on Friday his main role was just to hand off the ball and watch Doug Martin and Jeremy Avery go.

Martin ran for four touchdowns and Avery two, and both topped 100 yards rushing to help the Broncos (11-0, 6-0) stay in BCS contention with a season-high 323 rushing yards.

"It makes life a little easier," Moore said. "They're running the ball really well. That's really good to have late in the season."

Boise State broke a 14-all tie with four touchdowns in the second quarter, two just 43 seconds apart to start breaking down the Aggies (3-8, 2-5).

"We just came out with an intensity and didn't back down. We just kept pounding and pounding and pounding," said Martin, who had 13 carries for 121 yards. "It's nice. I've just got to give out props to my O-linemen."



COLIN E. BRALEY/AP

**Boise State running back Doug Martin (22) heads for the end zone while being chased by Utah State defender Quinn Garner (37) during the second quarter of Friday's game in Logan, Utah. Boise won 52-21.**

Boise State added another touchdown barely 2 minutes into the third quarter and what was a close game for about 25 minutes turned into the rout it was expected to be.

Utah State fell to 1-51 against ranked teams, getting outgained in 572 yards to 363 in the latest loss.

"They are very good and they did exactly what they have done in every game all year long," Utah State coach Gary Andersen said. "I think they controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the

football. When that happens, it puts you in a position where you have to take a lot of chances."

Diondre Borel was 18-for-30 for 201 yards and kept the Aggies alive by avoiding several sacks with his speed, but the Broncos eventually started catching him and Utah State didn't have enough other weapons to keep up after matching Boise State's first two touchdowns.

After Robert Turbin tied it at 14 on a 24-yard run for the Aggies with 6:28 left in the second, the Broncos drove 73 yards in four

plays to retake the lead for good. Titus Young made a diving grab with a defender all over him for a 56-yard catch at the 2, where Martin easily ran it in for a 21-14 lead.

Then Utah State fumbled a handoff and Ryan Winterswyk recovered at the 9 for the Broncos. Avery scored on first down, putting the Broncos up 28-14 with 4:04 left in the quarter.

Avery finished with 116 yards on 16 carries.

"Those are good running backs," Boise State coach Chris

Petersen said. "If our line will give them a chance to get on their side of the line of scrimmage, they can break tackles."

Being down two touchdowns at halftime would have been tolerable for the Aggies, but another defensive lapse late in the period allowed the Broncos to drive for a 1-yard touchdown run by Martin with 5 seconds left in the half. The Aggies almost had Boise State stopped on third-and-10 with about a minute left, but Martin broke through for a 17-yard run to keep the drive going.

The Broncos opened the third quarter with a 71-yard drive, needing only four plays to score again on a 32-yard run by Avery.

Boise State intercepted a tipped pass on the opening possession and quickly took a 7-0 lead on a pass from Moore to Tommy Gallarda.

The Aggies answered on a 22-yard touchdown run by Michael Smith that woke up the Utah State crowd that had been drowned out until then by the orange-clad Boise contingent.

The Broncos got a little lucky on their next touchdown. The snap was bad and bounced to the left of Moore, but Martin scooped it up and bolted 17 yards for a touchdown with 8:51 left in the second quarter.

"A slight mistake can cost you a touchdown and it did a couple times tonight," Utah State linebacker Bobby Wagner said.

Borel got Utah State right back, starting the next drive with an 18-yard option keeper to the 47. He also threaded a pass through tight coverage for a 14-yard gain to Eric Moats. Then Turbin broke through the defense and ran 24 yards for a touchdown to tie it at 14.

## Pitt star Lewis' new class: Backyard Brawl 101

BY ALAN ROBINSON  
*The Associated Press*

PITTSBURGH — Pitt freshman running back Dion Lewis is using the No. 8 Panthers' week off to get an education.

A history book is helpful, though not the kind that can be purchased at the University of Pittsburgh Book Center. He's learning about the Pitt-West Virginia series, and one of the first lessons being taught by his teammates is to keep his helmet on.

Even when he's on the team bus.

Several players related how their bus was pelted before the Panthers, losers of seven of nine, upset the then-No. 2 Mountaineers 13-9 two years ago to prevent West Virginia from playing for the national title.

Lewis' predecessor, LeSean McCoy, didn't realize the extent of the dislike in the rivalry until he heard the bang of what apparently was a rock slamming off the bus as it meandered through a crowd of fans.

"The players were kind of quiet and the fans were screaming," coach Dave Wannstedt said at the time. "LeSean stood up and said, 'Hey, coach, it's just like the movies.'"

Welcome to the Backyard Brawl, Dion Lewis.



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

**Pittsburgh running back Dion Lewis (28) will experience his first Backyard Brawl next weekend against West Virginia.**

"That was an experience, and I'm sure it will be the same way this year," said Wannstedt, himself a former Pitt player. "I've got a few Pitt-West Virginia stories

but I haven't gotten into it yet. I don't want to start too early, but after we come back we'll recount a few stories and refresh their memories."

Pitt (9-1, 5-0 Big East) plays at West Virginia (7-3, 3-2) next Friday in a game that won't affect the Panthers in the Big East race. However, a loss could shove them down in the AP poll and BCS rankings and lessen their chances for an upper-tier bowl.

"I know that everybody hates West Virginia, so it kind of rose up on me a little bit," said Lewis, who grew up in Albany, N.Y. "I know it's going to be a big game."

Not as big as the Dec. 5 home game against No. 5 Cincinnati (10-0, 6-0), which will effectively decide the Big East Conference champion and BCS representative. That will be as big a game as Pitt has played since the January 1982 Sugar Bowl against Georgia, but the Panthers are aware of the dangers of focusing on that game too soon.

Even if they beat Cincinnati, the Panthers' best season since they were 11-1 in 1981 will be tarnished more than a little should they lose beforehand to their biggest rival.

Defensive end Jabaal Sheard is certain

the Panthers will be ready to play in Morgantown, if only because the series demands it.

"It's definitely a fun game to play," Sheard said. "It's a loud stadium. The fans hate you. They're yelling at you. It's really something down there. That really gets your emotions going and gets you ready to play."

The Panthers took advantage of their second week off in a month's time following their 27-22 victory over Notre Dame to do more contact work than usual during a game week. There also was some blackboard work, though none specifically designed for coach Bill Stewart's Mountaineers.

"We've said this all year long, we want to be playing our best football our last game," Wannstedt said. "To do that, it's important to practice hard every week and keep working on your skills and fundamentals."

"The worst thing you can do in an emotional game like this is to start too early," said Wannstedt, who gave the players Friday and Saturday off. "We just wanted to put in the physical work and mental work this week, and then we'll start gearing toward West Virginia beginning Sunday."